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Chinese Attack On Large-Scale In Nanking Hills

JAPANESE MAKE BID TO TAKE TAIPINGMEN

SLOWLY CLOSING IN ON CITY WALLS

Shanghai, 1.50 p.m., To-day.

The long line of hills around Nanking are now the centre of some of the most savage fighting of the war, with Japanese and Chinese forces locked at close quarters, following a large-scale counter-offensive into which Chinese troops rushed shortly after ten o'clock.

A desperate battle for the mastery of the heights is now proceeding, except in the vicinity of the Taiping and Kwong Wa gates to which the onrush of three Japanese brigades has been carried.

The Japanese commander, held up by the Chinese machine-gun posts concealed in the hills, stated that the Japanese were prepared to withhold the attack until noon to-day, but the lull which the Japanese troops had permitted had been seized by the Chinese as an opportunity for a series of attacks on the Japanese lines. They were, however, respecting their decision not to shell or bomb Nanking city itself until the hour of ultimatum was reached.

Japanese military communiques state that progress has been made at several points, though the Chinese are stubbornly resisting.

NEARING GATES

The Wakisuki, Ishii and Fuzi Brigades claim to be within sight of Kwang Wa Gate, while the Ono and Sukigawa Brigades expect to reach Taiping Gate early this afternoon.

No attempt will be made, however, to storm the walls until definite orders are received.—Our Own Correspondent.

HANKOW REPORTS

Hankow, 2.15 p.m. To-day. A telephone message from Nanking states that the thunder of battle appears to be approaching closer to the south-east of Nanking, but attacks elsewhere are still being

PEI CHUNG-HSI CHINA'S MAN OF THE MOMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

With General Matsui's ultimatum, the Kwangsi War Lord who at the outbreak of hostilities buried the hatchet with General Chiang Kai-shek and came to the fore as the second military commander in China, has become the man of the moment.

General Tang Sheng-chi, as garrison commander, is nominally in control of the city, but the actual power is vested in General Pei Chung-hsi, the "Ironsides" commander, General Chang Fah-kwei, and other pro-war generals.

General Pei Chung-hsi, who is regarded as the Generalissimo's logical successor, is believed to be responsible for stiffening the previously flagging morale of the defenders.

On him, therefore, rests the momentous answer to General Matsui's challenge.—Reuter.

DECISION TO REJECT ULTIMATUM

Hankow, 1.55 p.m., To-day.

It is authoritatively learned that at a meeting held this morning between the Mayor of Nanking, General Tang Sheng-chi, General Pei Chung-hsi and other military leaders, it was unhesitatingly decided to reject the Matsui Ultimatum.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE THREAT TO TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, 1 p.m., To-day.

Admiral Shen Hung-lieh, the Mayor of Tsingtao, famous for his social and educational reforms in the city, and the local military authorities have declared their determination to resist any Japanese invasion.

Fears are growing that Japan's next big-scale campaign will be waged in Shantung Province, and that a Japanese attempt to capture Tsingtao would be one of the first stages in the operations.

Admiral Shen declared, in an interview with Reuter, "We shall defend Tsingtao to the last. Furthermore, any Japanese attempt to storm Tsingtao will be made as expensive as possible," adding the local situation is heading "fast towards crisis as the enveloping movement proceeds."

CITY CALM

All Chinese banks in Tsingtao are keeping open and doing business as usual and shipping and other activities are continuing as normally.

The higher Chinese officials are all remaining at their posts. Some minor officials have left owing to reductions in the administrative staff in Government departments.—Reuter.

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EMPIRE UNITY CAMPAIGN

Mr. Neville Chamberlain On Ottawa Pacts

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, received an enthusiastic reception when he addressed an audience of nearly 3,000 in London last night in connection with the Empire Unity campaign.

Mr. Chamberlain said that under the Ottawa Agreement, our imports from countries represented there had increased by 41 per cent., while our exports to those countries had increased by 46 per cent. between 1932 and 1936, and there had been a great increase in imports and exports in the first nine months of this year.

The Premier added: "So we see that the policy of Imperial Preference in practice has been twice blessed."

"It has benefited the Dominions and also this country."

During the same period, he said, our exports to foreign countries had greatly increased.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

These figures proved that the increase in imperial trade, instead of diminishing foreign trade, had added to the economic stability of the world and had therefore proved to be a stimulus to international exchange of goods.

Referring to the Imperial Conference after the Coronation, Mr. Chamberlain said that never in all history of Imperial Conferences was the sense of kinship better or the fundamental unity between us on all essential issues more clearly demonstrated.

DEFENCE COLLABORATION

There were further efforts they could make to bring them nearer their goal, namely, collaboration with other partners in the British Commonwealth in means of defence, in their attitude and relations with foreign powers and in development of means of communication and building up scanty populations with fresh blood.

Speaking of rival systems of government, Mr. Chamberlain said: "It is no wish of ours to prescribe to other nations the sort of government they should have."

"For ourselves, we prefer, and mean to maintain, that form of democracy we have built up for hundreds of years, and which is best suited to the habits and ways of thought of our people."

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE

"We rejoice to find that in these great Dominions, there too are the same forms of democracy, untouched by Fascism or Communism and standing for the same ideals of peace, liberty and justice that we do ourselves."

"We realise that by our partnership with these other democracies, we are raised from the status of a fourth-rate Power to be the heart of an Empire which stands in the front rank of all powers in the world."—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Customs Authorities at Cheoo against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

JAPANESE DIPLOMAT'S MISSION

Tokyo, To-day.

Mr. Masayuki Tani, Minister to Austria, has returned to Tokyo, having been recalled by the Foreign Office.

It is understood that Mr. Tani is shortly proceeding to North China on an important mission.

In a press interview he said that the old peace fabric of Europe had been shaken to the ground, and consequently a movement towards reconstruction was under way.

ISHII'S CALL ON PREMIER

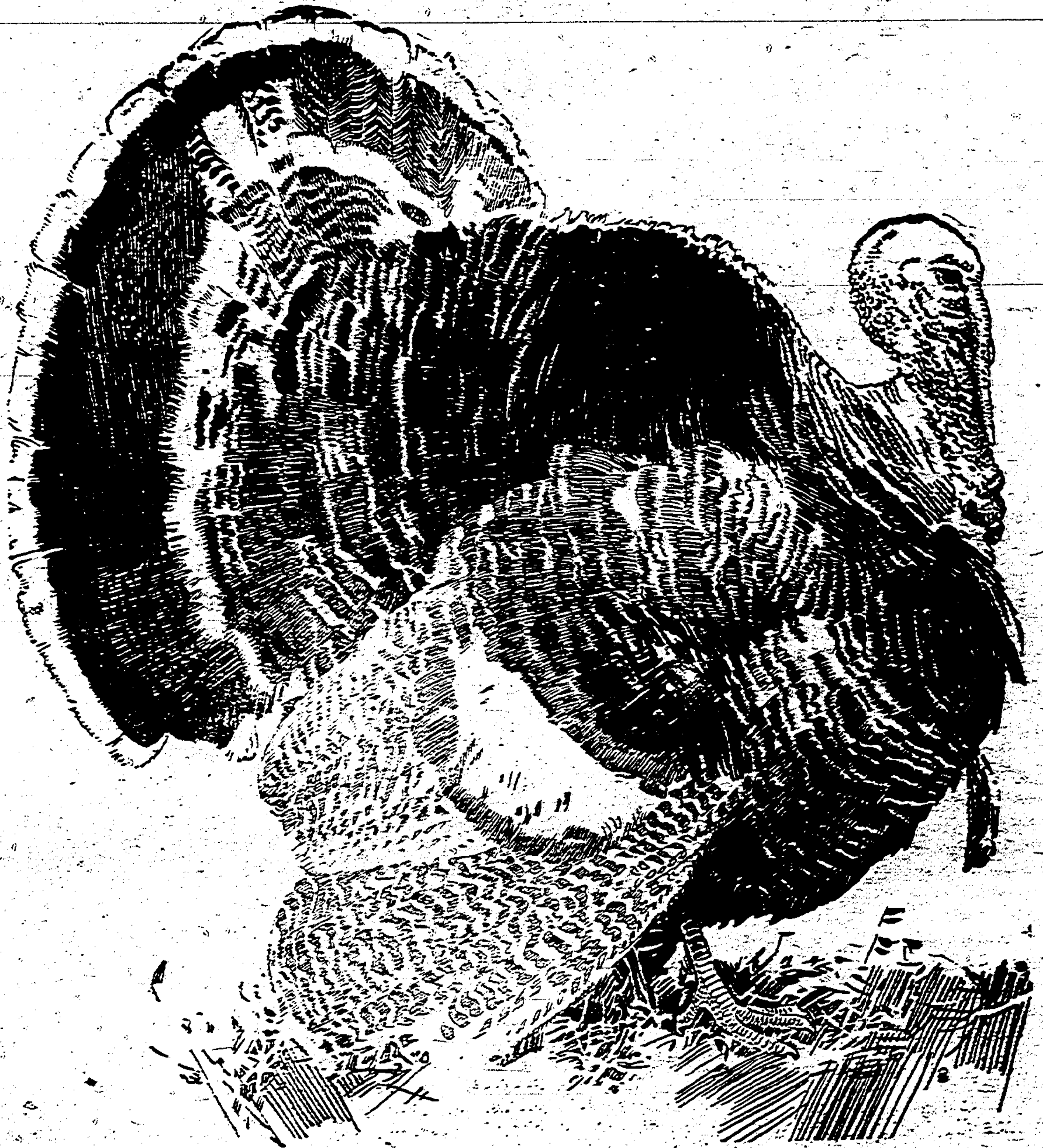
London, To-day.

Viscount Ishii, former Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at 5 o'clock yesterday evening.

The Japanese diplomat stayed with Mr. Chamberlain for half an hour.—Reuter.

Alluding to the Sino-Japanese conflict, Mr. Tani expressed the opinion that the world was entering on an era of reconstruction, to which Japan also must bend her efforts and energies.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Raie Da Costa at the Piano.
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Obstination (Fontenailles, arr. Crook).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Viennese Waltzes.
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(Johann Strauss).....Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony-Orchestra.
When The Lemons Bloom—Waltz.
Deceit—Waltz (Johann Strauss).
Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra.

At The Tchaikovsky Fountain—Fantasia (Urbach).....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Danse Espagnole (Granados).....Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orch.
1.30 p.m.—Renter & Rngby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
The Pirates Of Penzance—Overture.
The Pirates Of Penzance.
Oh, Better Far To Live And Die.
Peter Dawson & Male Chorus.
O, False One, You Have Deceived Me.....Dorothy Gill and Derek Oldham.
Pour, O Pour, The Pirate Sherry.
Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus.
When Fredric Was A Little Lad.
Dorothy Gill.

1.56 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
Overture in D Minor (Handel, trans. Stokowski).
Four Russian Folk Dances (Liadow).
7.14 p.m.—Walter Gieseking at the Piano.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Violin Solos by Joseph Szigeti.
8.20 p.m.—Beethoven—Quartet in F Major, Op. 135. Played by the Lerner String Quartet.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent: 23rd series of opera "Famous Male Voices of the Past".
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30. Played by Vladimir Horowitz (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra.
10.27 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor).
10.37 p.m.—Light Variety.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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3.15 a.m.—Big Ben. "At the Black Dog".
8.45 a.m.—"Getting Ready for Christmas." A talk by Howard Marshall.
8.55 a.m.—"The Old Folks at Home".
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
10.40 a.m.—Short Recital by Mary Crawshaw.
10.10 a.m.—"As I See It"—6. A talk by the Right Hon. Margaret Bondfield, I.L.D.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSG 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Variety.
11.15 a.m.—The Leslie Bridgewater Harp Quintet.
11.45 a.m.—"God's Admiral"—Robert Blake, General-at-Sea.
12.30 p.m.—Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra.
1.10 p.m.—English Folk-songs—5: The Northern Counties.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—"At the Black Dog".
2.45 p.m.—Harp Recital by Marie Goossens.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.25 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
4.30 p.m.—"Sprites and Goblins" Concerning the mysterious Elfinland and what happens there.
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Dummy Reversal

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: The following hand was played successfully by one of our local experts. I think it will interest you as an example of turning dummy into the long trump hand.

"South, dealer.
"Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—K 10 5
H.—A 8 6 2
D.—K Q 8
C.—8 7 5

WEST

S.—9 8
H.—Q J 10 9
D.—J 7 6 3
C.—K 3 2

EAST

S.—6 3 2
H.—K 7 5 4
D.—9 4
C.—A Q 9 6

SOUTH

S.—A Q J 7 4
H.—3
D.—A 10 5 2
C.—J 10 4

"The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	2 no trump	Pass
3 spades	Pass	4 spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"West opened the heart queen, which North won with the ace. Nine tricks were visible, but the tenth seemed hidden. If, however, three hearts could be trumped by declarer, and North left with the long trump, and the trumps were divided 3-2, as seemed likely, an interesting play would develop. Predicated on this idea, and that three clubs would have to be lost anyway, a club was led, which the king won. To the third trick the heart jack was led, and declarer trumped. A spade to the ten put the lead with North, for a second club, which the queen won.

"East could see no better way of getting declarer's trumps out of the way than by a third heart lead. The last club was won by the ace, and the last heart returned. Declarer trumped. Declarer led his last heart with the spade queen, trump, threw the lead into dummy with a diamond, led dummy's king of spades, and the last two tricks were won by high diamonds.

"Declarer frankly admitted after the play that study of the Red Book provoked the idea of making dummy the trump hand, and his interesting play was well rewarded with a game.

"Yours truly,

"W. G. P., Champaign, Ill."

I am highly gratified that one of my books proved valuable in pointing out the correct way of playing hands of the type, and it is with deep regret that I must observe that the declarer learned the lesson only superficially. Dummy reversal undoubtedly was the correct technique on this hand, but not strong enough for a forcing the declarer's precise method of take-out.

effecting this reversal left a great deal to be desired.

It was not only unnecessary but highly dangerous to put on defenders the onus of leading hearts for the declarer to ruff. They might not have been so accommodating. After West won the club king, in return of a heart was all right. But when declarer ruffed this, entered dummy with the spade ten and led another club, East certainly should have seen the light. At this point the situation was as follows:

NORTH

S.—K 5
H.—3 6
D.—K Q 8
C.—8

WEST

S.—9
H.—10 9
D.—J 7 6 3
C.—3

EAST

S.—6 3
H.—K 4
D.—9 4
C.—Q 9

SOUTH

S.—A Q J
H.—None
D.—A 10 5 2
C.—J

Now, the low trump lead by East would have cooked declarer's goose. It would be futile to overtake the spade jack with the spade king and ruff a heart. Dummy could be reentered with a diamond and the last heart ruffed with the spade ace, but this would result in dummy's five of trumps being the only North-South trump while East retained the six spot. And if South failed to win East's spade lead in dummy, the same situation would develop. He never would be able to draw trumps without loss and, at the same time, ruff out all of dummy's hearts.

South's technique went astray at the second trick. After winning the heart ace, a heart should have been returned and ruffed, then a low spade led to the ten spot. A second heart ruff should be followed by the cashing of the spade ace, which would reduce dummy to the spade king, East to the six and South to the queen. A diamond to the queen, the ruffing of dummy's last heart with the spade queen, trump, threw the lead into dummy another diamond to the king, and the cashing of dummy's high trump, while declarer discarded a club, would complete the correct dummy reversal process without having depended on the enemy for assistance.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: South opened the bidding with one no trump. Opponents did not bid. North responded with three no trump. What should South do now with:

S.—A 9 4
H.—A 8 3
D.—A Q 7 3
C.—K Q 7 2

Answer: Pass, as partner was not strong enough for a forcing the declarer's precise method of take-out.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"History Is Made At Night"—Dark-eyed Charles Boyer and blonde Jean Arthur are the hands of America's first oil boom, with a background of lovely songs by Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern. The huge cast is headed by Irene Dunne, Randolph Scott, Dorothy Lamour, Alim Tamiroff, Raymond Walburn, Charles Bickford, Ben Blue, Elisabeth Patterson and William Frawley.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"High, Wide And Handsome"—A hard-fighting, thrill-studded drama of America's first oil boom, with a background of lovely songs by Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern. The huge cast is headed by Irene Dunne, Randolph Scott, Dorothy Lamour, Alim Tamiroff, Raymond Walburn, Charles Bickford, Ben Blue, Elisabeth Patterson and William Frawley.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Great O'Malley"—Pat O'Brien, Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan, Frieda Inescort, Sybil Jason, Donald Crisp, and Henry O'Neill are cast in this picture. O'Malley's fetish is the letter of the law until the object lesson of three wrecked lives as the result of a minor infraction of traffic regulations gives him a new slant on things. That and the girl. A great human interest story with East Side New York as its setting.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"The 13th Chair"—Grim mystery among a group of people gathered round a table for a seance, and solution of a baffling murder by the use of a second seance, with the murder weapons' location known only to the audience are but a few of the exciting elements of this film. The cast includes, Dame May Whitty, Madge Evans, Thomas Beck, Lewis Stone, Elissa Landi and Ralph Forbes.

AT THE STAR—"Two In A Crowd"—with Joan Bennett and Joel McCrea. A romantic comedy drama of two young moderns following the discovery of a thousand dollar bill in the street.



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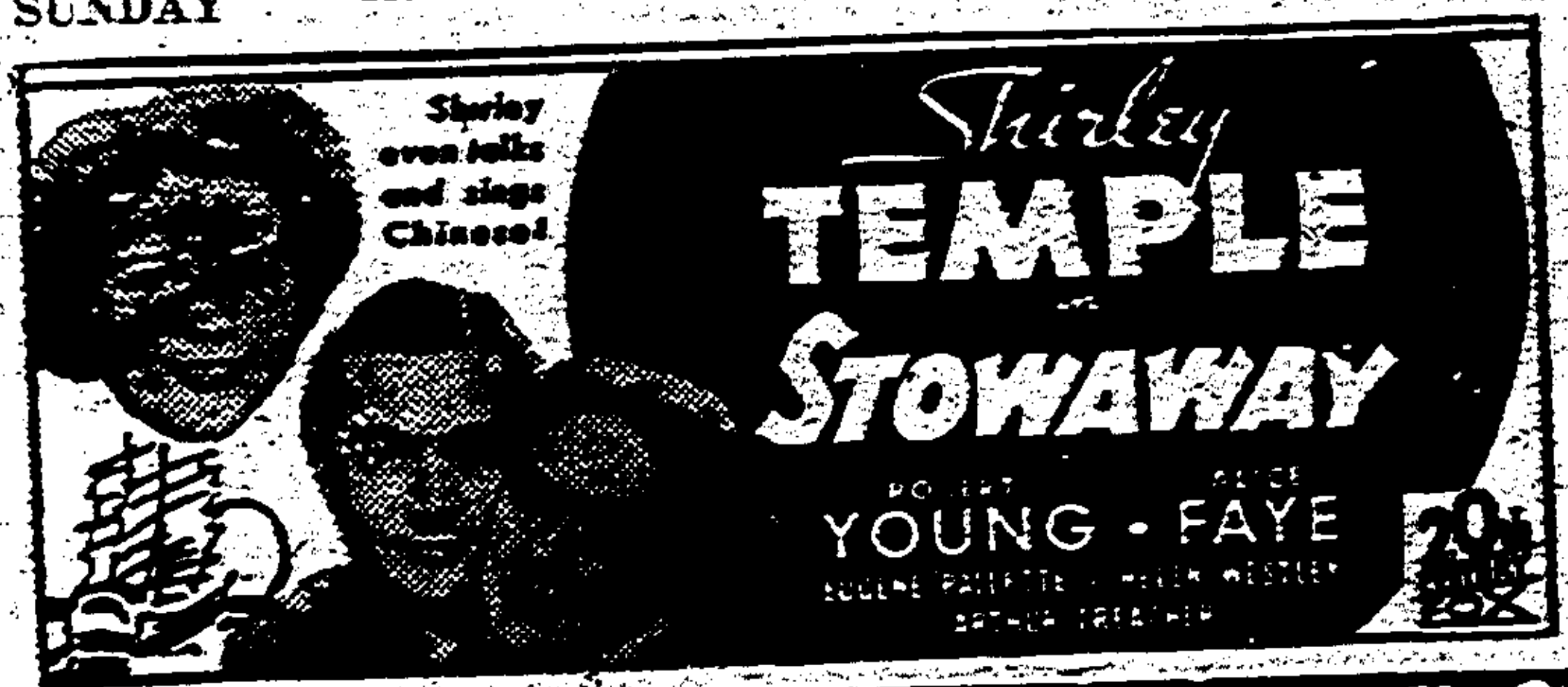
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CANTON GIVEN SPIRITED A.A. DEMONSTRATION

Canton, 10.30 a.m. To-day.

Canton has just been treated to some spirited anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire directed at three Japanese planes which are believed to have dropped bombs on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

The three Japanese planes, part of a group of nine seen earlier this morning heading northward, were apparently returning south to their base.

They were big machines and were not seriously bothered by the A.A. guns.

Pompom and machine-gun fire burst out from a point only 100 yards from Shameerf, but the gunners appeared unduly optimistic, as the planes were well to the west and fast heading south.

Chinese sources report that 17 enemy planes were sighted in the vicinity of Bocca Tigris early this morning.

These are believed to have split into groups, portions of which have just caused the present outburst.—Reuter.

JAPAN ISSUES WAR BONDS

Tokyo, To-day.

National Bonds, worth 600,000,000 yen and designed to cover part of the cost of the China Incident and a fraction of the budgetary deficit, will be issued by the Treasury this morning, it is semi-officially learned.

Of the first instalment, 300,000,000 yen will be issued to-day, and 200,500,000 yen will be classified as appropriation for the Manchurian Incident.

The Bonds will bear interest of 3.5 per cent. and will mature in seven years.—Reuter.

M. DELBOS IN BUCHAREST

Bucharest, To-day.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, had his first political talks in Bucharest on Wednesday afternoon.

He had a long talk with King Carol and exchanged visits with the Premier and Foreign Minister.

King Carol and Crown Prince Michael attended a dinner given at the French Legation on Wednesday night.—Trans-Ocean.

KING GUSTAVUS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY

London, To-day.

During the last few days, newspapers of all shades of opinion in the United Kingdom have contained comment in the friendliest tone on the 30th anniversary of King Gustavus celebrated in Sweden on Wednesday. Tributes to the King as a man and as a ruler have been paid editorially in the principal newspapers.—British Wireless.

BELGIAN CABINET APPROVED

Brussels, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 122 to 19, with three abstentions.

The vote followed a ministerial declaration on the Government's foreign and domestic policies.—Reuter.

CHIANG KAI SHEK RUMOURS GROUNDLESS

London, To-day.

Rumours of impending resignation of General Chiang Kai-shek are groundless, states a message received by the Chinese Embassy in London.

The message states that the Chinese are making a determined stand round Nanking, and have completed preparations for possible street fighting within the city.

It is added that Chinese mobile units claim to have recaptured a number of towns in east Shantung.—Reuter.

Hankow, To-day.

The rumour that General Chiang Kai-shek has resigned, or intends to resign, is emphatically denied in official quarters here.

If peace moves had succeeded, it is stated, he may have resigned, but this step is "out of the question as long as resistance continues."

General Chiang Kai-shek is continuing active direction of Chinese operations from headquarters in an undivulged centre in the interior.—Trans-Ocean.

HIS EMINENCE THE POPE IN AUDIENCE

Rome, To-day.

The Pope yesterday granted audiences to numerous cardinals, archbishops and bishops, including the Cardinal Archbishop of Prague, the Apostolic Nuncio in Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador, and the Apostolic Vicar of Victoria Falls in Central Africa.

The Pope also received 200 young married couples and several hundred pilgrims from different countries, whom the Holy Father addressed.

Finally, the Pope, whose state of health made a good impression on those who saw him, spent a hour in going over the buildings of the new Vatican radio station, showing great interest in technical equipment, especially in the powerful transmitter which will broadcast news to the Far East and the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

PRINCE BERNHARD BETTER

Amsterdam, To-day.
The condition of Prince Bernhard, who received injuries in a motor accident recently, is so far improved that no further daily bulletins will be issued.—Reuter.

AIR LINER'S ESCAPE IN PARIS HOP

London, To-day.
Snow and sleet are reported from a number of districts in England to-day. Snow is general over Hampshire where a number of roads are now impassable.

Several roads in Yorkshire and Durham are impassable and drifts many feet deep are frequent. Farm work is at standstill.

Falls of sleet and rain in Lincolnshire are adding the fear of floods to the anxieties of the farmers.

A hailstorm, accompanied by lightning, over the Channel, forced down the Imperial Airways' liner, Horatius, on its usual midday service from Paris to Croydon. The liner landed at Lympne where an inspection revealed that a flash had burned a two foot area in one wing.

The passengers, who included Miss Ellen Wilkinson, on her way home from Barcelona, continued their journey to London by train.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S ADVERSE VISIBLE TRADE BALANCE

London, To-day.
Asked in the Commons if, in view of the mounting adverse trade balance with countries with which Britain had trade agreements, he would give notice to terminate such agreements where the original time limit had expired, with a view to making fresh ones more favourable to the United Kingdom, the Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade replied in the negative.

The working of agreements, he said, was constantly under review, but the President of the Board of Trade did not regard the increased adverse balance of visible trade as a sufficient reason in itself for the action suggested.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN TO BUILD DESTROYERS FOR BRAZIL

London, To-day.
J. Samuel White and Company, of Cowes, have announced that they have received an order from the Brazilian Government for two destroyers.

The vessels will be of the same type as the British class "H" and the work will commence immediately.

The leading dimensions of the vessels are length 323 feet, beam 33 feet, draught 8 feet 6 inches, standard displacement, 1,250 tons.

They will be capable of a speed of 35½ knots; the engines developing 34,000 horsepower.—British Wireless.

MOVING TOWARD AGREEMENT ON SPAIN

London, To-day.
At yesterday's meeting of the non-intervention sub-committee, agreement was reached on all outstanding points save one in connection with the terms of reference of the Commissions, to be sent to Spain.

Further instructions from Governments are to be sought on the last point of difference.

The sub-committee then considered the technical report on belligerent rights and adopted a series of the draft paragraphs proposed therein for conclusion in a final general agreement on the British Plan, to be adopted by the Committee.

The small number of points, however, were reserved for further consideration. The subcommittee will meet again next Tuesday.—British Wireless.

SEVERAL HOURS

London, To-day.
Yesterday's session of the full non-intervention committee lasted several hours and discussed the proposed composition of the two commissions to be sent to Spain, and instructions to be given them regarding determining the strength of volunteer forces in Spain.

An official communique states that the representatives reached agreement on all points except one regarding which instructions are to be asked of the governments concerned.—Trans-Ocean.

H.K. MAILS ABOARD CYGNUS

We are informed by Mr. E. L. Wynne Jones, Postmaster General, Hong Kong, that he has been in communication with the Postmaster General, London, with reference to Hong Kong mails on board the flyingboat, Cygnus, which crashed recently at Brindisi and has received the following telegram:—

"With reference to your telegram of December 9 regarding the crash of flyingboat Cygnus. Understand most of mails salvaged. Details at present lacking but will telegraph further particulars as soon as possible."

R.A.F. FLIGHT

London, To-day.
The five Royal Air Force flyingboats of No. 204 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron, which left Bahrain early yesterday morning on their formation flight to Australia, passed Ras al Khaimah, Arabia, at 09.50 hours G.M.T.—British Wireless.

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The Royal Observatory reported this morning that an irregular area of moderately high pressure covers the Yangtse Valley, and extends eastward across the Eastern Sea to the Pacific to the south east of Japan.

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CASE DISMISSED

Mrs. Betty Rogers, charged yesterday with soliciting in Queen's Road Central on Wednesday night, was this morning discharged by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy.

Thracian Theft

Captain E. C. N. Rushbrooke, of H.M.S. Tamar, and Mr. J. Barnett, of the P.W.D., were each fined \$2 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest when summoned for leaving their cars in the Central car parks over the time limit allowed.

Captain Tancock, of H. M. S. Thracian, has reported the loss of 15 fathoms of rope valued at \$5. 13.4d and a quantity of hemp, valued at \$ 51.13d, from the ship on Wednesday or Thursday.

ITALY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE CONFIRMED AS IMMINENT STEP

Geneva, To-day.

Italian quarters in Geneva confirm that Italy will announce withdrawal from the League of Nations on Saturday.

The meeting of the Fascist Grand Council in Rome to-morrow is expected to only last a few minutes, and has merely been called to hear Il Duce's proposal and to approve it.

An atmosphere tense with expectancy prevails. It is argued that Italy is leaving the League to unite herself more closely to Germany and Japan.

Signor Mussolini, it is stated, is possibly thinking of a new grouping of nations of which the anti-communist pact is the nucleus.

GERMAN INTEREST

In Berlin, news of the announcement of the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council was received with much interest.

Political circles are not surprised at the new development, which they regard as the natural sequel to Italy's treatment by the League. — Reuter.

ITALIAN ATTITUDE

Rome, To-day.

Political circles say there should be no surprise at Italy's leaving the League, since the move had been foreshadowed several times by the Duce in speeches.

At Palermo recently, he said that Italy no longer expected Geneva to recognise the conquest of Abyssinia.

It is not expected that Italy will explain her withdrawal, which is regarded as being a natural sequel to various incidents, including Italian recognition of Manchukuo. — Trans-Ocean.

LONDON REGRET

London, To-day.

Italian withdrawal from the League would be "extremely regretted" in London, stated an official of the Foreign Office yesterday.

It is not believed here that such action would bring about a change in Anglo-Italian relations.

The Italian Ambassador, Count Dino Grandi, will leave for Rome this morning in order to attend the Grand Fascist Council on Saturday. — Trans-Ocean.

YUGO-SLAVIA AND ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Italo-Yugo-Slav relations are developing in complete accord with the Belgrade Agreement of March 25, 1937, says a communique yesterday after the conversations between the Yugo-Slav Premier and the Italian Foreign Minister.

The Slav Premier left for Milan for a one-day visit at midnight. He was seen off at the station by Signor Mussolini himself. — Trans-Ocean.

The s.s. Athos II will berth at Kowloon Wharf on Sunday at about 6 a.m. and will sail the same day at noon for Shanghai and Kobe.

AMERICANS ASK PROTECTION

Washington, To-day.

The United States Embassy has requested the Japanese authorities to protect eighteen Americans and their Chinese servants who are remaining in Nanking. — Reuter.

BLIZZARDS RAGE ALL OVER UNITED STATES

New York, To-day.

Fierce blizzards are raging over the North American continent, threatening food shortage in many northern towns following dislocation of rail and bus traffic.

Snowdrifts have isolated several townships in Upper New York State, where roads have been rendered impassable.

Furious winds forced Great Lake steamers to seek shelter, while snow-ploughs were helpless in thirteen inches of wind-driven snow on the highways.

The southern United States is still severely affected.

Fifty deaths, all attributed to the bitter weather, have been reported from all over the country. — Reuter.

AMERICA'S NEW AMBASSADOR IN LONDON

Washington, To-day.

The post of Ambassador in London was yesterday accepted by Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, close collaborator of President Roosevelt in the field of business and finance. Trans-Ocean learns from a reliable source.

Official announcement of the appointment will probably be made as soon as British agreement is received.

Mr. Kennedy is an outstanding figure in American political circles, and is said to have had at one time aspirations to fill the post of Secretary to the Treasury.

Rival for the London post is said to have been the present Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Davies.

Mr. Kennedy succeeds Mr. Robert Bingham. — Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET ISSUES WARNING TO ANTI-COMINTERN ALLIANCE

Every Farm A Fortress Of Internal Economy

CONFIDENCE IN RED ARMY

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet Russia has kept out of war for more than sixteen years but is now ready to meet any attacker, declared M. Molotov in an election address in his constituency yesterday.

He added that the Soviet would completely crush its enemies, but the main enemy was beyond the borders of the Soviet in the camp of bellicose Imperialism, especially the Fascist countries.

The Soviet was persistently carrying out serious measures to consolidate the defence of the country.

"We are strengthening the Red Army and strengthening defence industry. We desire that every plant and every collective farm should be a fortress to defend our economy and culture."

ANTI-COMINTERN PACT

After a satirical reference to the Anti-Comintern Pact, M. Molotov stated: "In the event of armed attack on the Soviet Union, the attacker will feel both the might of our iron self-defence and the power of the light of Soviet ruby stars which shine far beyond the borders of our country."

From all parts of the Soviet Union, crowded meetings heard the address from the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions in which it was stated: "The Soviet will mercilessly crush and destroy all enemies . . . the Soviet now has all the means to crush enemy forces and Fascist bands if they attempt to attack our country."—Reuter.

BOMBS FALL IN YANGTSEP00

Shanghai, To-day.

The population of Shanghai, which had been enjoying a respite from war, was suddenly thrown into a panic and dashed for shelter yesterday evening when A. A. batteries on every Japanese warship in harbour started to blaze away.

Two or three Chinese planes appeared, and had another attempt at destroying the Idzumo.

The flagship, however, again escaped, although several bombs fell in Yangtsepoo. The raiders got away safely.

This is the second time that Chinese planes have flown over Shanghai since its capture by the Japanese.—Trans-Ocean.

The December donations for the relief of refugees in the China war areas from the Chinese staff of the "China Mail" was sent through the Bank of China this morning. The total amount sent to date has reached \$324.75. In view of the increasing hostilities, the staff has promised an increase in their permanent subscription next month.

AMERICA'S EXPORTS TO H.K. AND JAPAN

New York, To-day.

United States exports to Japan in October amounted to U.S.\$20,099,000, compared with U.S.\$16,701,000 in September, and U.S.\$26,603,000 in October last year, according to figures published by the Department of Commerce yesterday.

Exports to Hong Kong totalled U.S.\$4,016,000 compared with U.S.\$1,715,000 in September and only U.S.\$753,000 last year.

Exports to China were \$1,388,000 compared with \$1,559,000 in September and \$4,267,000 in October, 1936.—Reuter.

REVISIONS OF OTTAWA

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons on the negotiations for the revision of the Ottawa Agreements, Lord Hartington said it was understood that the Commonwealth Government wished to discuss in the near future the Australia-United Kingdom Agreement and, as regards the agreement with South Africa in formal discussions with the Union Government on revision were in progress.—British Wireless.

A.P.C. OIL JUNK BURNT OUT

Canton, To-day.

A junk, belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Company, loaded with tins of motor-spirit, was gutted yesterday afternoon, when it accidentally caught fire.

The fire blazed for over 5 hours before it eventually burned itself out.—Our Own Correspondent.

XMAS RECESS

London, To-day.

The Commons will rise for the Christmas adjournment on December 23 until January 1.—British Wireless.

AMBASSADOR GOES AGAIN TO THE GAIMUSHO

Tokyo, To-day.

Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, made another call yesterday evening on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, to discuss latest developments in China.—Reuter.

BOMBING RAID AS FAREWELL TO MR. ATTLEE

Berlin, To-day.

"A farewell greeting to the British Labour leader" is the expression used by the special correspondent in Spain of the "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" describing a further air raid by Nationalist planes on Barcelona on Wednesday night.

Mr. Attlee and party were just leaving for Perpignan, says the correspondent.—Trans-Ocean.

WEDDING AT REGISTRY

The wedding of Mr. Rudolf Kroeger, residing at the Gloucester Hotel, and Miss Erika Hildegard Gauhl took place at the Registry this morning.

The ceremony was conducted by the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. W. A. Jones.

MR. ATTLEE UNPERTURBED BY MOTION OF CENSURE

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Philip Noel-Baker arrived at Perpignan on Wednesday night from Barcelona.

Mr. Attlee told newsmen that he was most satisfied with what he had seen in Republican Spain.

Morale was excellent and he had been impressed by the heroism of the Madrid population and of the troops.

Military and civil organisation was excellent.

Answering a question on the motion tabled in the House of Commons regarding his tour, Mr. Attlee declared that the matter was "uninteresting and unimportant" and that he would attend to it on his return to London.

PLEDGE NOT BROKEN

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker asserted that the speeches and attitude of Mr. Attlee in Spain had been in no way incompatible with the pledge given by Mr. Attlee before he left London that he would refrain from any activity not in keeping with the non-intervention policy of the British Government.

Mr. Attlee would give a detailed explanation at a mass meeting at the Albert Hall in London on Dec. 19.—Trans-Ocean.

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Deanna Durbin has a magic voice. and millionaire automatically Adolphe Menjou. What have they done in Washington now? And for sheer pictorial climax, the rag-tag symphonic orchestra grouped around the stair of the maestro's home is something to remember. . . . A German film about a symphony orchestra won a prize a year ago; Hollywood's entry is an infinitely better story, as well as a better

No more need said about this film than has already been said by Meyer Levin, the famous cynic "cinema-critic" of "Esquire" who, for once, has found a picture which he can applaud. He writes:

"My idea of a musical film Joe Pasternak, first guide of Deanna Durbin, has done a beautiful job in developing her. She's really the personification of pure, adolescent joy. Stokowsky is a very real figure in the film. The theme is highly worthy; the story is original, and adroitly built up. Considering the setting—among unemployed musicians, the tone of the entire place is extraordinarily gay. And it's not fluff. For one-line satire, it is difficult to think of a movie scene



THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

BREAKFAST with Montgomery is perhaps a little more sordid than breakfast with anyone else. He comes downstairs all curled up like a question mark, and even if you say "Good morning" he asks "Why?" He puzzles his way to a paper, wreathes it like a garland round the coffee-pot, stares at the headlines, looks ignorant—and hasn't the decency to remain so. "Good lord!" he says, munching his toast.

"That's queer! Hey, you, come out of your porridge and tell me something...."

"Why," asks Montgomery, "why do all centenarians come from the Balkans?"

"You can't open a newspaper without a Balkan pensioner on page five. Don't Yugoslavians ever die?"

Wearily you explain.

"It is an established scientific fact," you point out patiently, "that in Serbia, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia men live longer than anywhere else in Europe."

"There are more than a thousand registered centenarians in Yugoslavia alone, and over 4,000 in the Balkan Peninsula altogether."

"Why?" asks Montgomery.

"Well," you say, "their main nourishment is yoghurt, and such vegetables as peas and beans. Not much meat. That may be partly the reason."

"It certainly isn't due to voluntary abstinence. Of a hundred cen-

tenarians recently questioned by scientists out there, the majority smoked like chimneys and drank like fish."

"In the opinion of the scientists, very few of these men pass the butter, please—very few of these men had much hope of a halo. They had mostly lived pretty fully while they could."

"Good," says Montgomery.

If you are without a Montgomery at your breakfast table, and have a husband, try some of these Maurice Dekobra quotations on him.

"There are no unfaithful women. There are only women whom men have failed."

"Man, with his colossal conceit, imagines that he can improvise love without any special preparation, whereas it is an exact science that demands a long apprenticeship and preparation."

"The heart of a woman is a carburettor, and, unfortunately, there are far too many men who accelerate at the wrong moment."

There is great similitude between love and electricity. The first flirtation is like the spark.... Marriage is the electric meter, and divorce the short circuit."

A good lover is not only a great artist in his love-making, but he knows also when to keep silent."

This gives your husband a nice chance for an opening.

If he doesn't say something to you after the last quotation, you realise he's just as dumb as you feared.



CHINESE CONFIRM CROSSING OF YANGTSE AT KIANGYIN

Troops Concentrating To Cover Pukow Zone

FOREIGN ESTIMATE OF SITUATION

Hankow, To-day.

Reports from Chinese quarters confirm that the Japanese have crossed the Yangtse in the Kiangyin area and are now advancing towards Nanking on the northern bank of the river.

It is believed here, therefore, that the Japanese may later attempt to encompass Nanking from the north as well, although it is pointed out that the Japanese have not yet cleared the river by any manner of means.

TEXT OF GEN. MATSUI'S ULTIMATUM

Shanghai, To-day.

General Matsui's ultimatum to Nanking reads as follows:—

"Japanese forces exceeding 1,000,000 (!) having occupied the entire area south of the Yangtse, have now completely surrounded Nanking.

"The anticipated hostilities will bid no good to anyone but harm alone.

"Nanking, the old capital, has until lately been the seat of the Chinese Government, and it abounds in historic remains and beauty spots, such as the mausoleum of the Ming Dynasty and the Chungshan mausoleum.

"Indeed, it is the keystone of Oriental civilisation.

HORRORS OF WAR

"Harsh and relentless towards those who resist, Japanese troops are kind and generous to non-combatants, and Chinese troops who entertain no enmity to Japan.

"The Japanese army earnestly desires to protect Oriental culture.

"If your forces desire to continue hostilities, Nanking cannot but witness the horrors of war, with attendant destruction of age-old cultural relics and nullification of the constructive efforts of the past generation.

"Therefore, I, as commander-in-chief of Japanese forces in Central China, advise you to surrender Nanking without resistance.

NOON TO-DAY

"Your answer to this advice must be received by our outposts on the Kuyung highway by noon on Dec. 10.

"Should you send a responsible person as representative, I will send a representative designated to the spot to negotiate procedure for surrendering the city of Nanking.

"If no answer is received by the appointed time, the Japanese forces will be compelled to launch their attack."—Reuter.

Chinese reports state that the Chinese are now concentrating troops north of the Yangtse in order to prevent encirclement of the city from the north.

Task of these troops will be to bring any Japanese advance on Pukow, opposite Nanking on the Yangtse, to a standstill, or, failing that, to secure Chinese retirement towards the north.

NANKING CHOICE

Foreign military observers here are convinced that the Chinese will prefer to retire from Nanking at the last minute, instead of risking loss of the large body of troops there through capture by remaining in the city until its encirclement is complete.

The General commanding Nanking, Tang Sheng-chi, who enjoys the reputation of being a clever strategist, is said to have declared that Nanking can hold out easily at least for another five days.

It is declared that General Chiang Kai-shek entrusted him with command of Nanking on condition that the capital was defended to the last.—Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY LOSSES

Hankow, To-day.

It is reliably learned here that the Japanese navy suffered heavy casualties in men while the Kiangyin boom was being forced, as the operation was carried out under heavy fire from Chinese land batteries.—Trans-Ocean.

SNOW ON ARAGON WARFRONT

Barcelona, To-day.

War on the upper Aragon front has come to a standstill owing to snow and rain.

On other fronts, bitter weather has slowed down activities, though air raids by both sides are reported.—Reuter.

LARGE SCALE DOG-FIGHT OVER NANCHANG

Tokyo, To-day.

A major air battle took place yesterday over Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, where Chiang Kai-shek is reported to be staying for the present.

A Japanese bombing squadron making a raid on the town was engaged by a fleet of 40 Chinese fighting planes before they reached the town.

According to Japanese claims, which are as fantastic as usual, 16 Chinese planes were shot down and another 20 were destroyed on the ground when Nanchang aerodrome was bombed.

Japanese losses in the battle, significantly are not reported.

Japanese bombers carried out another raid on the arsenal at Kunghsien, in Honan, yesterday.

Chinese reports on the Nanchang raid says that only two of the raiding planes got through and they dropped their bombs on the town indiscriminately.—Trans-Ocean.

LIFE STORY CAN NOW BE REVEALED WITH IMPUNITY

London, To-day.

Yesterday's Commons Order Paper contained over a dozen amendments to the Population Statistics Bill tabled by the Minister in charge of the measure, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Complaints were made in the second reading debate last week that the Bill had been drafted too loosely and the Minister of Health proposes to delete the provision authorising questions on "any other matter with respect to which it is desirable to obtain statistical information."

Additional information on the registration of births which it is desired to obtain to secure reliable information on fertility rates, is now practically limited to the age of the mother, the date of marriage, and the number of children the mother has had by her present or former husbands.

The information is now specifically made privileged so that it cannot be disclosed for use in legal proceedings.

The newspapers give prominence to the modification accepted by the Government as the result of Commons criticism and describe it as a good example of the working of the democratic system.—British Wireless.

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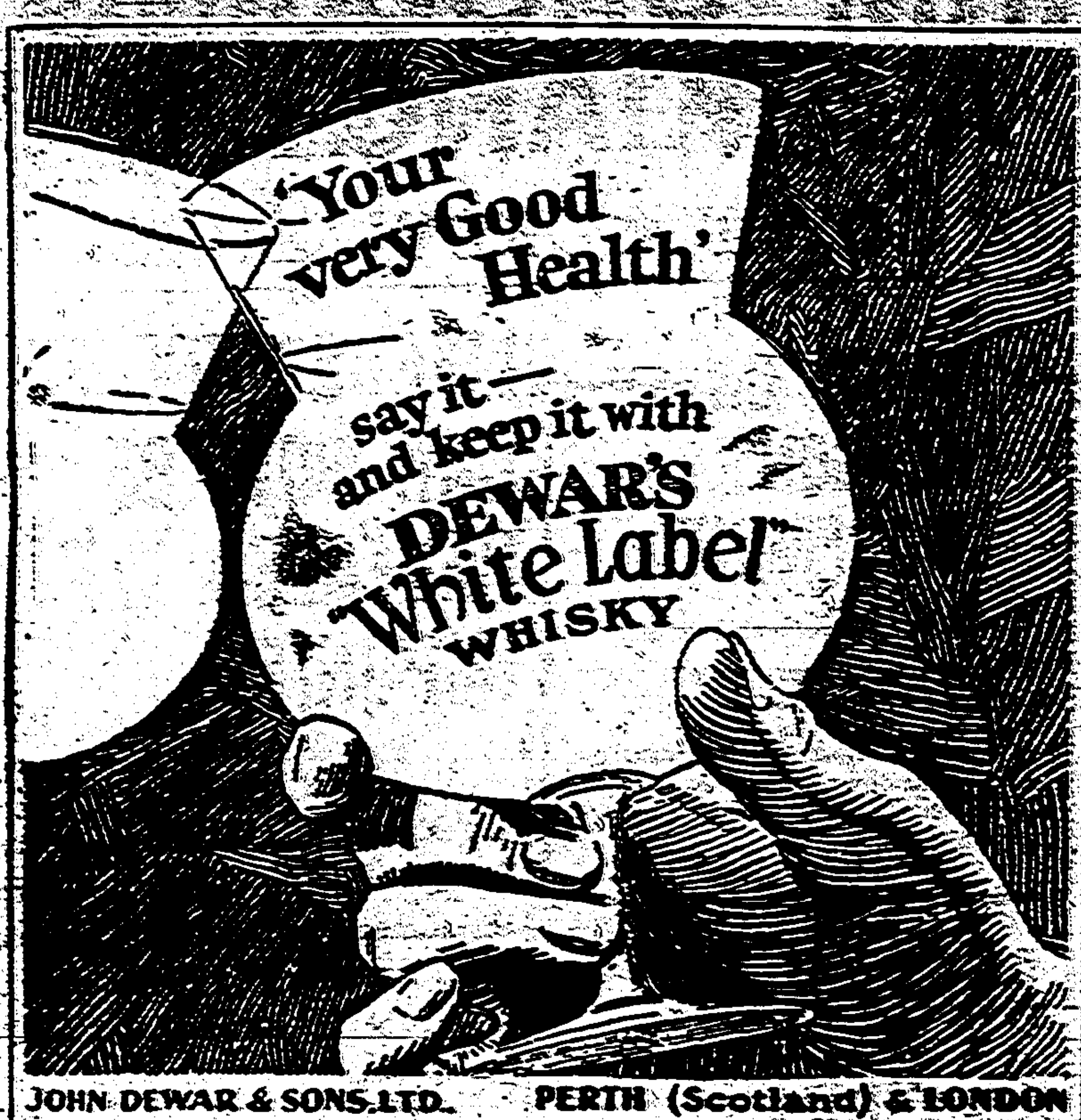
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ALTRUISM

Mr. Harold Ickes, who holds a Cabinet post in Washington equivalent to that of the Home Secretary in London, in a speech reported yesterday, used colourful language to describe the Japanese invasion of China. "It is a strange phenomenon," he said, "that a country which is weak and helpless and at the same time rich in resources, is a hot-bed of 'Communism' and must therefore be saved as a 'brand' from the burning by some altruistic fanatic." The thought of thousands of people about Japan's aggression is there expressed and expressed very neatly. Our only doubt is whether a cynical brand of humour is truly calculated to convince Japan of the error of her ways. Mr. Ickes, indeed, like the representatives of all governments signatory to the Nine-Power Treaty should use the word "altruistic" with extreme caution. There has certainly been nothing altruistic about their collective endeavours to avoid taking any practical steps to save China from her altruistically fanatical friend across the Yellow Sea.

Peace Talk

Peace talk as between Japan and China has been put more or less into its correct relation to the realities of the situation. It is now obvious, from what has been officially sanctioned both in Hankow and in Tokyo, that possibilities of an early patched-up peace are extremely remote. The truth seems to be, as we imagined, that Japan is not anxious to pursue the military side of the argument beyond Nanking. Peace rumours have been designed, therefore, to encourage such as are discouraged among China's leaders to grasp as the straw which Japan is offering. Fortunately for China, the number of these is trivial and there is no danger yet of a great betrayal.

Robbery Epidemic

The epidemic of robberies in the Colony is of course the inevitable outcome of the swarm of homeless refugees from Kwangtung and North China, of the lawless bombing attacks which daily terrorise districts along Kwangtung's main railway systems. Shanghai is experiencing an even more critical form of desperate deeds to secure livelihood and the Volunteer Corps has been called upon to aid the

Settlement Police during the night.

The Police both in Hong Kong and Shanghai are doing their best to cope with the menace, but the safest guarantee of immunity must be self-reliance, with individuals taking their own precautions and co-operating to the extent of giving information to the police when they have occasion to suspect the intention of ill-doing. An instance was brought to our attention of a bogus electrician being 'shooed off' by a rightfully suspicious housewife. These tricksters will only be brought to book if the suspicious are prepared to detain their visitors and not merely content themselves with turning them away.

Catholics in Danzig

The first indications of a drive against the Catholic Church in Danzig came when the Nazi President of the Danzig Senate refused to allow the appointment of two Polish priests to serve the needs of the Polish population of the city. He also addressed a Note to the Vatican protesting against its "interference." This was followed by intervention against Catholic clergy and citizens, searches, raids, and other forms of police activity. Finally, the Catholic party in Danzig, the only Opposition party to remain in existence, was officially suppressed, and membership of it is now a crime punishable by a heavy fine and imprisonment. Herr Bofcher, a Danzig senator, has been to Warsaw (it is said more on the advice of Berlin than on the inclination of the Danzig Nazis) to reopen the negotiations with the Polish Government on the rights and interests of Poland in Danzig which were broken off abruptly two months ago. The situation is causing considerable alarm in Poland, which is still nominally responsible for the foreign policy of the city, and the new anti-Catholic tendency, even if it did not interfere with numerous Polish citizens as it does, could not be allowed to go unchecked.

Juvenile Crime

In opening a new remand home for children and young persons, at Half the Home Secretary announced that he is making arrangements for a scientific investigation of juvenile crime and methods of treating it. Visiting Dartmoor Prison recently, he studied the records of the convicts, and he was struck by the discovery that in case after case the first offences, often relatively trivial, had been committed at an early age. These cases, he suggested, illustrated the importance of trying to check a tendency to crime at its first appearance. The value of remand homes, such as that opened by Sir Samuel Hoare, is obvious to everybody. Nothing can be more dangerous than to expose a young person to the taint of prison while he or she is awaiting the decision of the court. It is hardly possible to doubt that the special treatment which has in recent years been applied to juvenile offenders in courts is also of great value, though the evidence in favour of the new methods cannot be found in recent criminal statistics.

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE BEGINS IN EARNEST

Stubborn Defence At Present Holding Them At Bay

CITY AT NIGHT WITHIN A RING OF FLAMES

CHINA WILL FIGHT ON

Washington, To-day.

China will continue the war whatever happens to Nanking, and even if two or three years of fighting are necessary, declared Mr. Hu Shih, special adviser to General Chiang Kai-shek, addressing the Newspaperwomen's Club here yesterday.

He said the Generalissimo had recently cabled him assurances that Nanking's fall would not end Chinese resistance. —Reuter.

PEACE MOVES CREDITED TO CHINA

Tokyo, To-day.

In an historical decision, members of the "Inner Cabinet" yesterday agreed on the necessity of continuing hostilities in China after the fall of Nanking.

Simultaneously it was decided to disregard all "Chinese" peace moves "until and unless China manifests sincere reconsideration of her anti-Japanese policy."

The Premier, Prince Konoye; the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota; the Finance Minister; the Navy Minister, Vice-Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, and the War Minister, Lt. Gen. Sugiyama, participated in the momentous meeting.

The meeting agreed that as a result of the severe blow dealt the Chinese armies, Chinese Government leaders apparently were making peace moves through the good offices of third parties.

INSINCERE EFFORT

These moves, however, cannot but be regarded as "insincere efforts to bring about a patched-up peace" for China has yet failed to show a desire to co-operate wholeheartedly with Japan in furthering the cause of peace in East Asia.

For this reason there can be no talk of peace until the Chinese Government reverses its policy towards Japan. Decision of the meeting will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval to-day. —Reuter.

BARRICADES NOW PREPARED FOR STREET FIGHTING

Nanking, To-day.

The Japanese offensive has now begun in earnest, and the air was filled all day yesterday with the rattle of machine-guns, the bark of fieldguns and the roar of exploding bombs from Japanese planes.

The Chinese defenders are stubbornly resisting and up to now are holding the Japanese at bay.

Destruction of buildings likely to afford cover to the attackers, continued all day yesterday, and the city at nightfall was ringed by flames and covered with a pall of smoke.

As an additional means of defence with improvised ramparts consisting of furniture, sandbags and earth with furniture, sandbags and filled boxes, as well as occasional stones, with machine-guns on top of motorcars and trucks.

The Chinese admit the Japanese have captured Chinkiang but claim the forts there are still in Chinese hands.

It is noteworthy that all fighting hitherto has been in the hills and valleys beyond Nanking's high city wall, and Nanking city itself, though within range of gunfire, has not been bombarded so far. —Reuter.

REJECTION OF ULTIMATUM

Hankow, To-day.

Reliable Chinese circles here are of the opinion that General Tang Sheng-chi, Garrison Commander of Nanking, will treat General Matsui's new ultimatum in similar manner as when the Commander of the Japanese vanguard presented General Tang with an ultimatum to surrender unconditionally.

No reply, it is reported here, has yet been sent to the Japanese military authorities. —Our Own Correspondent.

BOMBARDMENT TO-DAY

Nanking, To-day.

The Japanese are ready to bombard Nanking to-day, and whether this is done depends on the answer given by General Tang Sheng-chi, the Chinese commander, to General Matsui's ultimatum which was dropped from a plane yesterday threatening Nanking with all the horrors of war unless the city agrees to surrender peacefully by noon to-day. Refusal is considered certain.

Meanwhile, the greater part of Hsiakwan, which is Nanking's densely populated waterfront area, has been set on fire and residents thus made homeless mournfully watch flames consume their houses or trudge sadly towards the safety zone.

WOUNDED IN STREETS

The city's sideroads are blocked

Japan.

Decision of the meeting will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval to-day. —Reuter.

WAR TO GO ON SAYS JAPAN'S CABINET

Tokyo, To-day.

Military operations in China will not end with fall of Nanking but are to continue until the Chinese army is "thoroughly defeated and the Nanking Government capitulates," it was announced yesterday afternoon following a council of ministers in the defence department of the Government.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, and the Finance Minister, Mr. Okinobu Kaya, both stated yesterday that neither from the diplomatic nor the financial side was there any reason for not continuing the campaign in China.

It is announced that the Council of Ministers will meet again to-day (Friday), after which official declaration of Japan's policy as regards China will be forthcoming. —Trans-Ocean.

AMOY FORTS SHELLED

Canton, To-day.

According to a report received last night, three Japanese destroyers shelled Amoy Forts yesterday afternoon.

The Chinese guns replied and it is claimed that one of the destroyers was hit and damaged. —Our Own Correspondent.

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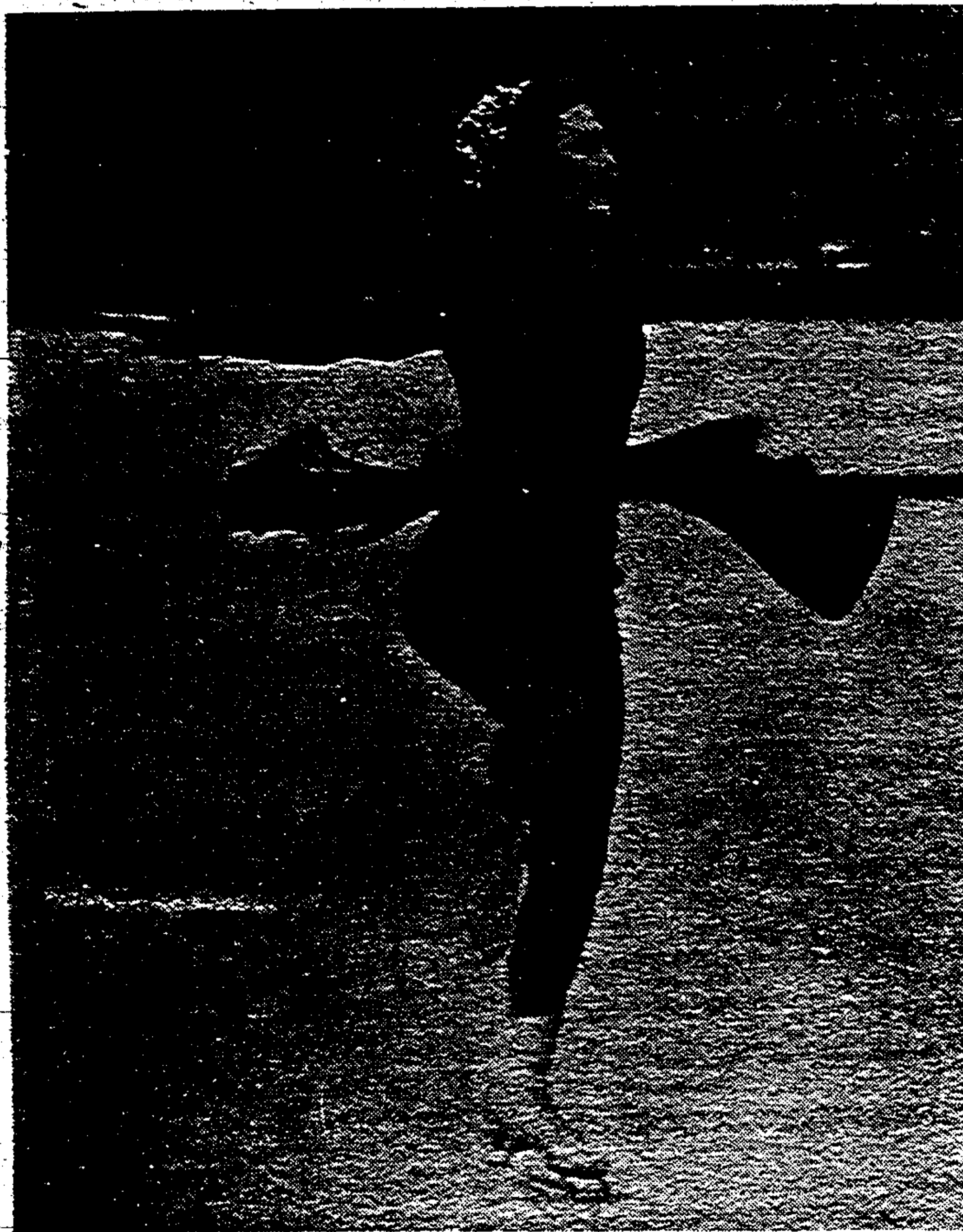
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HONG KONG



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Ronald Colman in "The Prisoner of Zenda," based on Anthony Hope's famous novel, which starts at the King's Theatre to-morrow.



Runner-up in the World Amateur skating championships last year, Miss Megan Taylor, daughter of the famous professional Phil Taylor, gave an exhibition of free skating at the Wembley Pool recently. Photo shows—A striking action picture of Miss Megan Taylor during her fast spin at practice at the Wembley rink. (Fox Copy-right).

FAR EAST QUESTIONS

Closing The Open Door In Manchuria

London, To-day.

THE question of application of exchange control laws in Manchukuo discriminating in favour of Japan, was raised in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. J. A. E. de Rothschild, Liberal Member for Ely.

Lord Cranborne, Under-Foreign Secretary, in a written reply, said that the British Consul-General at Mukden had already protested against this discriminatory legislation, which was in evident contradiction to the principle of the Open Door and British treaty rights and the British Ambassador in Tokyo had drawn the attention of the Japanese Government to the matter.

Lord Cranborne understood that the French and United States Governments had taken similar action.

WUHU BOMBING

In a written reply to Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton), the Under-Foreign Secretary, Lord Cranborne, said that the Admiral commanding-in-chief, China Station, had immediately protested in regard to the Wuhu incident to the Japanese admiral, who expressed regret, while the British Ambassador in Tokyo had made representations to the Japanese Government.

In regard to the attack on the steamer "Siushan," his present information tended to show that the firing was carried out by Chinese troops.

If further enquiries, now being made by the British Consul-General in Shanghai, confirmed this, representations would be addressed to the Chinese Government.—Reuter.

WENT ONCE TOO OFTEN

Leung Tin, aged 43, was this morning sentenced to one month by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy on pleading guilty to the theft of two pass books, and a tin of coffee from a coolie employed by Mrs. A. L. Shields, of No. 10, Branksome Towers.

On a charge of fraudulently obtaining tea and a bottle of Bovril from Lane, Crawford's by means of one of the pass books, he was sentenced to another month.

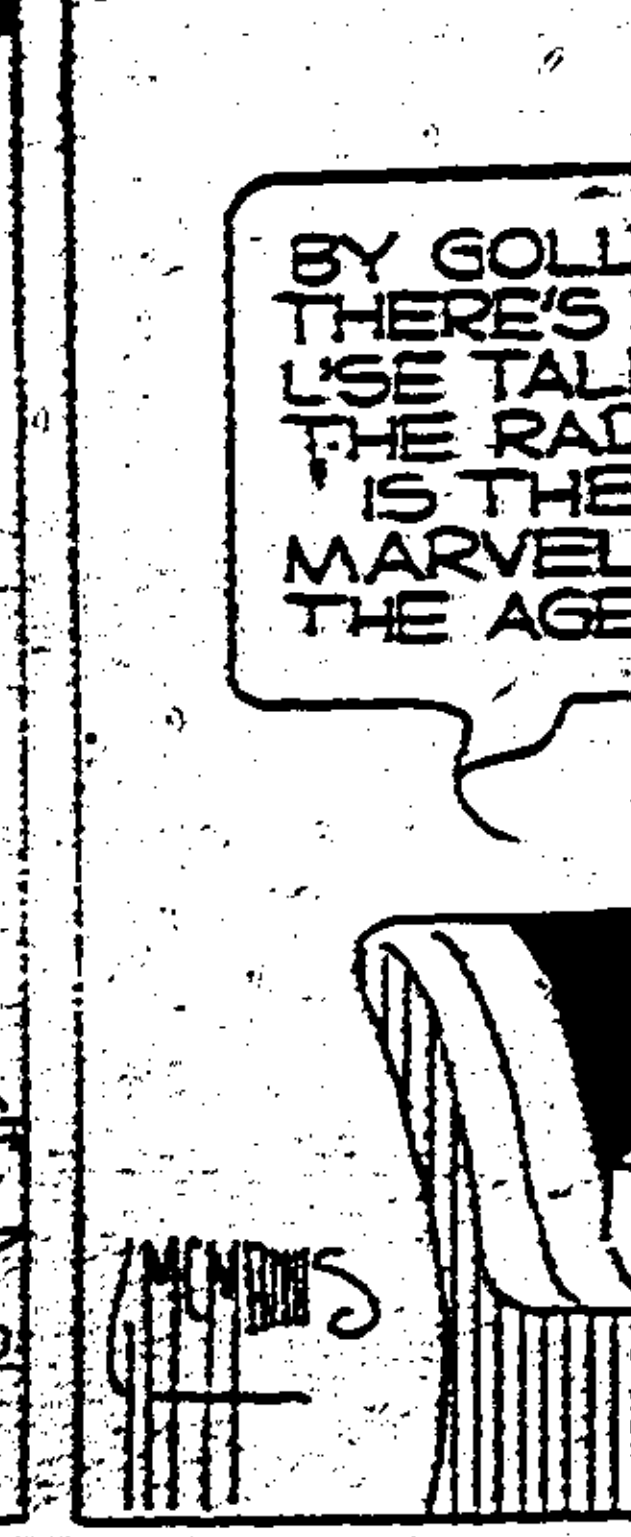
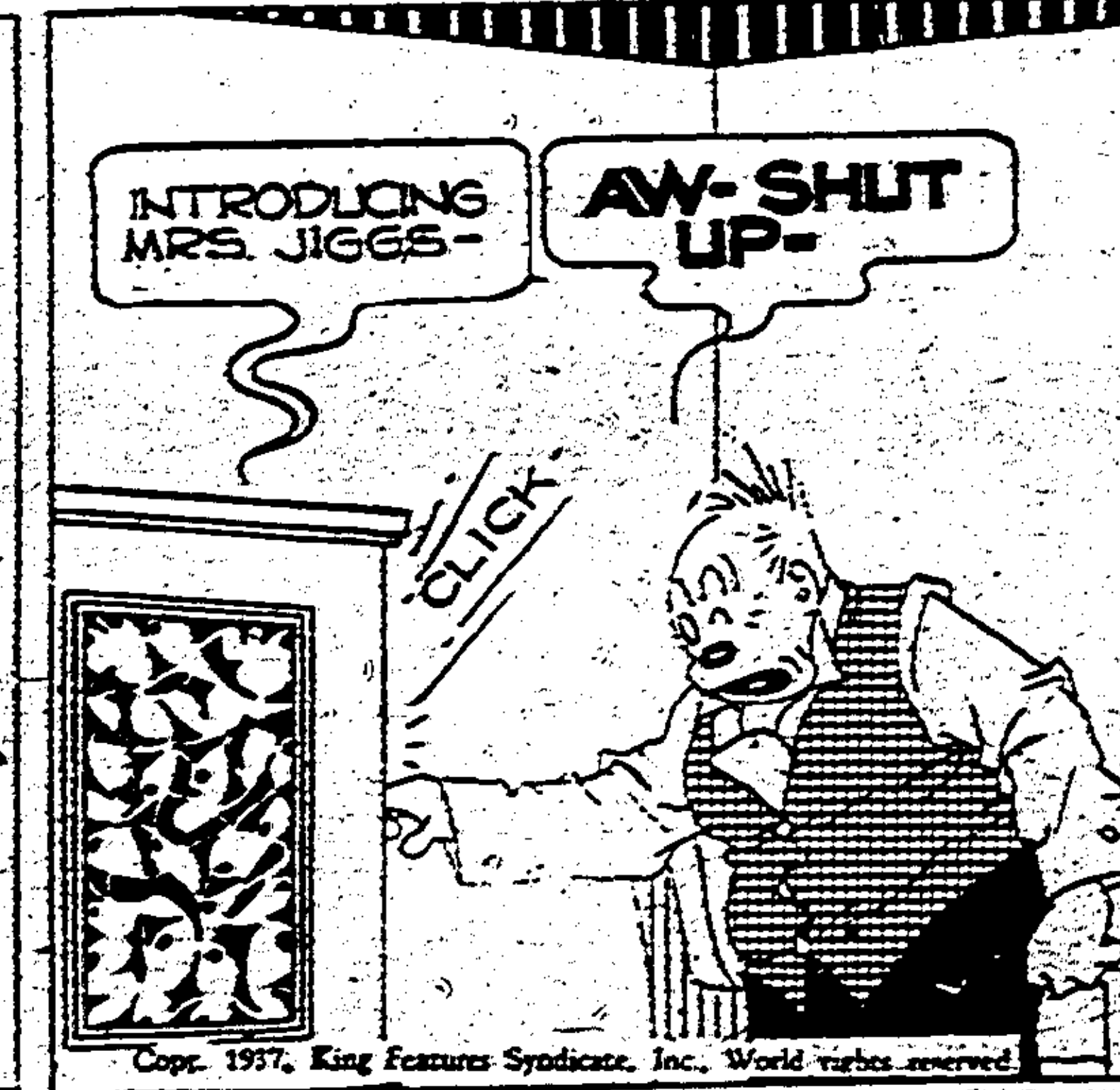
Defendant obtained the goods on Tuesday and returned next day and attempted to obtain a pound of bacon with the pass book but was arrested.

Handbags Stolen

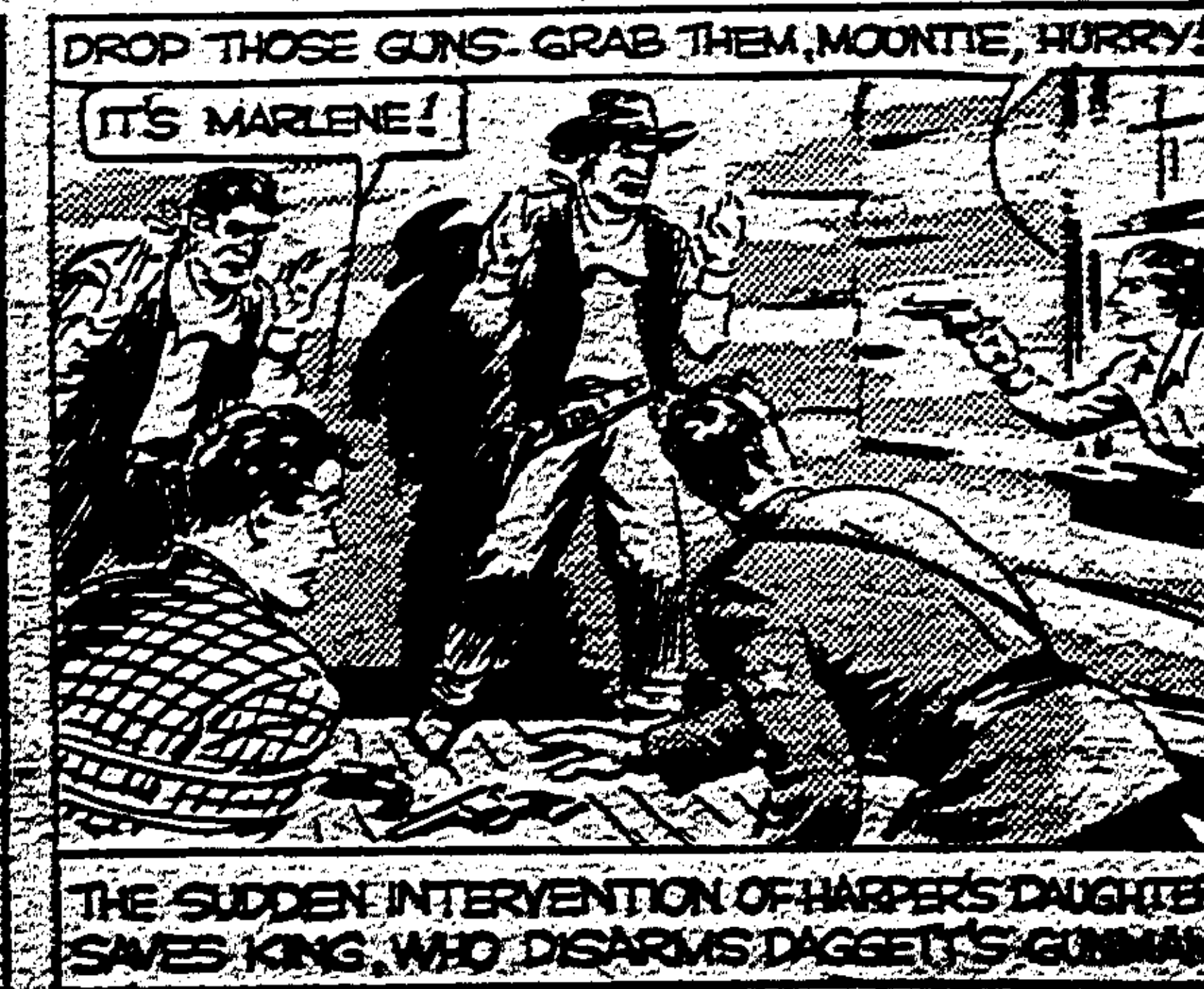
Miss Martin, of No. 157, Waterloo Road, and Mrs. Gehring, of No. 119, Waterloo Road, both reported the loss of hand bags from the cloak room of the Maryknoll School yesterday.

Three cases of typhoid fever and two of diphtheria were reported to the Health Authorities yesterday.

Bringing Up Father



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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, DECEMBER 10, 1937

THE PROFESSOR'S FIRST CASE

THE crowd heard a sharp, piercing shriek followed a second later by the shrill blast of a police whistle. The Square was alive with the busy hum of traffic; the cheerful bustle of Christmas shoppers; jostling showing and pushing their way in and out of the big departmental stores.

Keen eyed, stern-looking men appeared magically at every entrance and exit. At each of the square's four roads, uniformed policemen were hastily erecting barricades.

A puzzled motorist tooted his horn impatiently. In reply, sharp commands were heard everywhere:—

"No one is to move!"

The crowds inside the shops and on the pavements stood stock still. Regimented and disciplined, they were well used to the Police Search without Warrant. Nine-tenths of them were law-abiding citizens who had nothing to fear from a razzia.

The hush of waiting became unbearable; people stared uneasily at their neighbours; no one spoke.

The Commandant, toughened by years of daily contact with crime, could not repress a feeling of horror as he looked down at the body. At his feet lay a small boy. The child's tiny face, pinched with cold, wore an expression of intense surprise. From his throat trickled a thin stream that dyed the muddied snow a deeper hue. The Commandant swore a silent oath: this time the fiend should not escape; the meshes of the net were fine enough to catch the slipperiest maniac at large.

Five yards away, two plain clothes detectives were forcing brandy through the clenched teeth of the unconscious mother. She came to and looked wildly at them. Once more her terrified scream electrified the square.

A buzz of conversation broke out; the crowd were asking each other confused questions—

"What has happened?"

"What is the matter?"

A man's voice shouted: "The Child Slayer!" The excited murmur swelled into a babel of sound. Curses and terrible oaths filled the air. Men shook their fists with impotent rage; fashionably dressed women shrieked the foulest abuse at the unknown.

The Commandant hastened to the mother's side. He slapped her face and hands with calculated violence. Her screams gave way to a low moan. Beads of sweat rolled down the cheeks of the detective who supported her.

The Commandant spoke soothingly: "Calm yourself. Tell me what happened."

The distraught woman pointed waveringly to the big swing door. "There, it happened there." The words came falter-

ingly. "We had just left the store. Johann lingered behind—I called to him to hurry." She sobbed out, "God forgive me. I went on—I thought he heard me. He didn't!" The voice rose to a scream, "He didn't hear!"

"Now, now, Madam, calm yourself. Tell me who did it?"

"I didn't see. When I looked back he was lying in the snow." Her voice broke. "A woman was about to step on him—then I cried out."

"Look around and show me her. Stand back there!" barked the Commandant. The detectives who had formed a protective ring around the stricken mother, stepped aside.

"There! That fat one with the astrakhan coat." The Commandant beckoned to the woman. Half silly with fright she waddled forward.

He said, kindly: "This woman says that she saw you

Detective Sergeants, whose shaven heads and ramrod backs proclaimed the military discipline of the Police Force, rasped out—

"Everybody line up for examination."

The machine was in motion. The huge net, into whose meshes hundreds of people, innocent and guilty alike, had been swept, was about to be hauled in. The examination was to be microscopically minute.

The Commandant had gambled. The busy shopping district had been for the past three days the centre of camouflaged rehearsals. Sooner or later, the slayer would strike again. When he did, he would find himself in a trap so finely organised, so perfectly adjusted, that the jaws locked at the sound of a whistle.

He strode to a barricade. Two

was bitterly cold, and snow started to fall. A fine old-fashioned Christmas.

At twenty minutes past midnight the last person passed the Barricades. He was examined with the same thoroughness as the first, and with the same result. True, every three hours a police car filled with suspects had left for Headquarters. These suspects were persons who had omitted to report on the prescribed dates at the Police Station, or were not in possession of a card. No less than one hundred had been caught in the meshes; but they were small fry; pickpockets, bag snatchers, confidence men, shop lifters and political outcasts.

Nevertheless, they were suspect and with systematic thoroughness had been locked up. Inside the vast grim building that housed the National Police Machine, the examination continued. The suspects' names were checked and passed to the Central Filing Bureau. Here, everyone who lives or who has visited the City since the inception of the system is catalogued.

Into this huge card index went the names of the One Hundred. Ten hours later the machine disgorged their records. Personal and criminal histories, neatly typed were presented for inspection. Occupation; address; names of parents; names of relatives (down to second cousins); sweethearts; wives; mistresses; close friends; places of amusement; eating houses; drinking shops; peculiarities of dress, speech and manner; every thing was recorded with attention to detail.

All the suspects were formally accused of the child murders; all put forward an alibi, proving that at the time and place of preceding killings, they had been elsewhere. Every alibi was carefully tested; each was supported and substantiated by it.

(Continued on Page 7)

Short Story

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By Cedric Erlund

about to step on the child before she screamed."

"No, I did not see him," she stammered. "I saw no one. I heard the shriek."

"Do you remember who was in front of you, or to the side, or behind you?"

"No, there is such a crowd; I was pushed and jostled everywhere." Gaining confidence from the Commandant's reassuring tone, she added, "In such a press a careful housewife looks to her purse."

"Take her to Headquarters," rapped out the Commandant.

He smiled grimly; no one had seen the slayer butcher poor little Johann; well, that was to be expected. Five times had he struck, unseen, unheard. This time he would need wings to escape.

policemen were lifting a wooden table and chairs out of a police van.

The line started to file past the table. Everybody showed his or her police card. An Inspector assisted by two Sergeants searched each person. Another Inspector carefully examined hands and clothing for blood-stains.

Hour after hour the thin stream trickled by. At 4.30 p.m. eight hours after the beginning of the search, the people in the street had been dealt with. The Commandant ordered the shop doors to be opened. Each shop had been systematically combed so that all the shoppers were concentrated on the ground floors. There were more persons inside than out in the square. The examination continued. It



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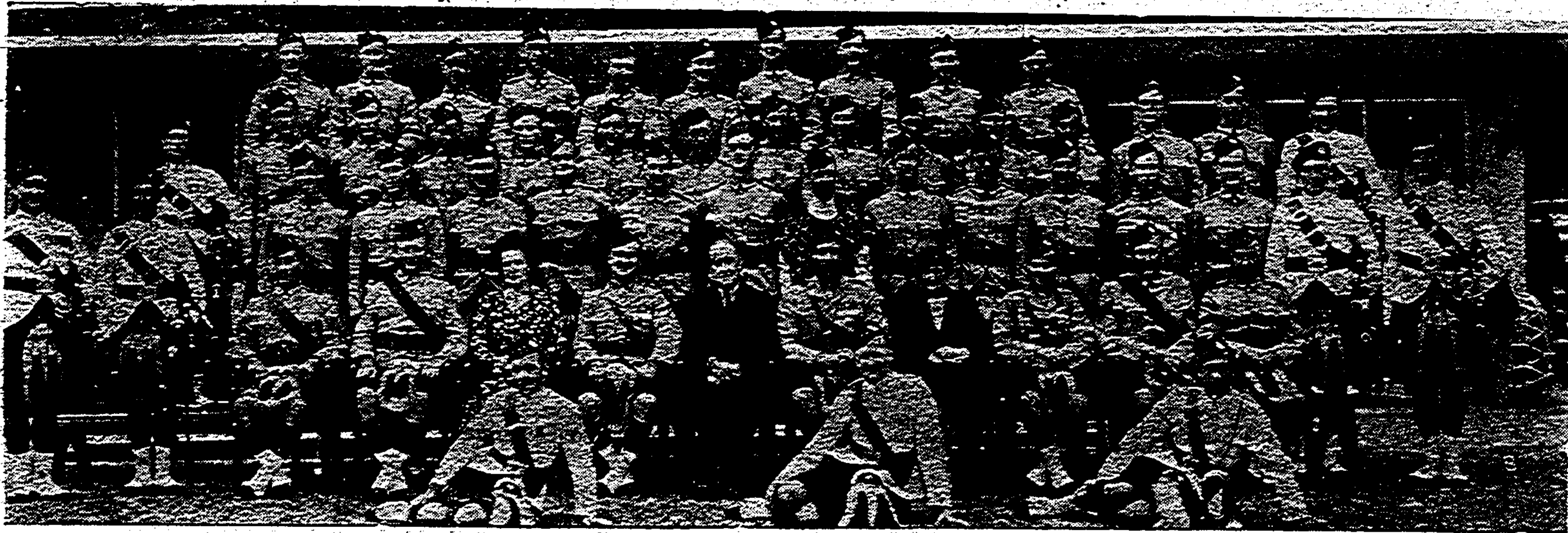
Taken at St. John's Cathedral Fete in the Cathedral grounds. ("Mail" photo).



Taken at Volunteer Headquarters after the Scottish Company's Church Parade. Seen in the picture are H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote and Lady Northcote, and Major-General A. W. Bartholomew and Mrs. Bartholomew. (Mee Cheung).



An event in the Police Sports. ("Mail" photo).



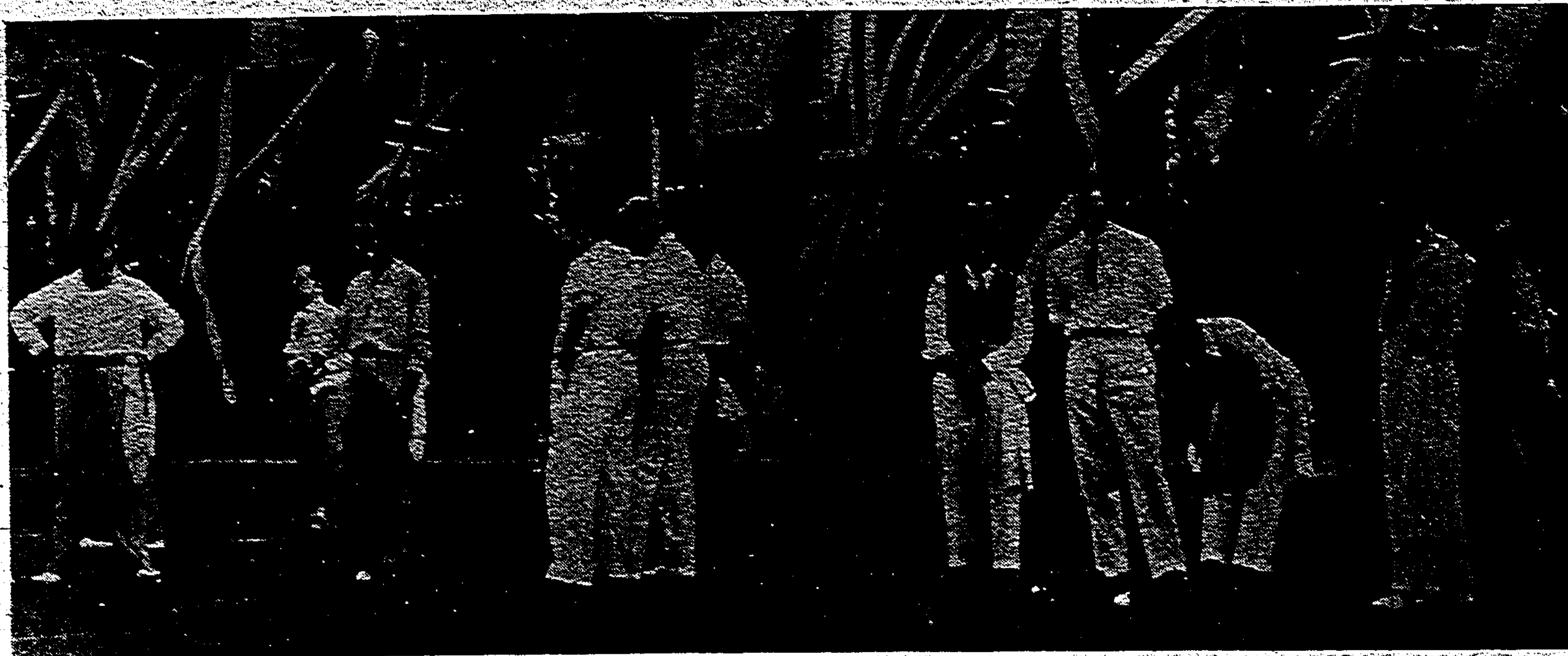
The Scottish Company of the H.K.V.D.C. after their recent Church Parade. (Mee Cheung).

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KOWLOON BRANCH, 178, NATHAN ROAD.



General view of the links on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's "Closing Day." ("Mail" photo).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

"WE'VE been playing post-man, mummy—delivering letters to all the houses in the street."

"Have you, dear? But where did you get the letters?"

"Oh, we found them in your drawer upstairs, all tied up with blue ribbon."

Och, Ay!

"Is McPherson in?"

"Ay, but he's very busy; he's sharpening the gramophone needle for the party to-night."

Odd

"That's a queer pair of stockings you have on, Pat—one red and the other green."

"Yes; and it's the queer thing, too, but I've got another pair just like it at home."

Most Aggravating

"My 'usband's insomnia is drivin' me mad. I ain't been able to go through 'is pockets for weeks."

Evolution

The old-fashioned wife used to ask her husband to button up her back. The modern one asks him to powder it.

Direct Hit

"Why does a woman say she's been shopping, when she hasn't bought a thing?"

"Well, why does a man say he's been fishing when he hasn't caught anything?"

More Home Chat

"Wife: 'Once you used to give me presents, but now I never get any.'"

Hubby: "Well, does the angler give bait to the fish he has caught?"

Identified

"The boss says that when he was a boy on the farm they had a mule that was just like one of the family."

"Yes, and I know which one it was."

ALSO RAN



Once upon a time there was a racehorse named Silk Stockings.

Explanation

Why do so many men wear smart hats and shabby shoes? asks a fashion writer. One reason is that you can't get shoes from a cafe.

No Doubts

"Did you tell the lady I was out?"

"Yes, mum."

"Did she seem to have any doubts about it?"

"No, mum. She said she knewed you wasn't."

Dangers of Competition

Two convicts were telling each other why they were in the "Big House."

"Well," said one, "competition sent me here. The Government got jealous because I made bank notes just as good as theirs."

Reassuring

Overheard at Wingfield: Timid Passenger: "Do planes like this crash often?"

Pilot: "Oh, no; only once."

Double

"How did you like that whisky?" asked Pat.

"Fine," replied Mac, with conviction. "It's made another mon of me, and that ither mon wud like a drap o' whusky as weel."

EGGED OFF



To the oft-repeated question, "Which came first, the bird or the egg?" an actor friend of ours says he remembers the time when they both came together.

Kamerad!

Mrs. Jones: "Why do you call your new maid 'Japan'?"

Mrs. Smith: "Because she is so hard on China."

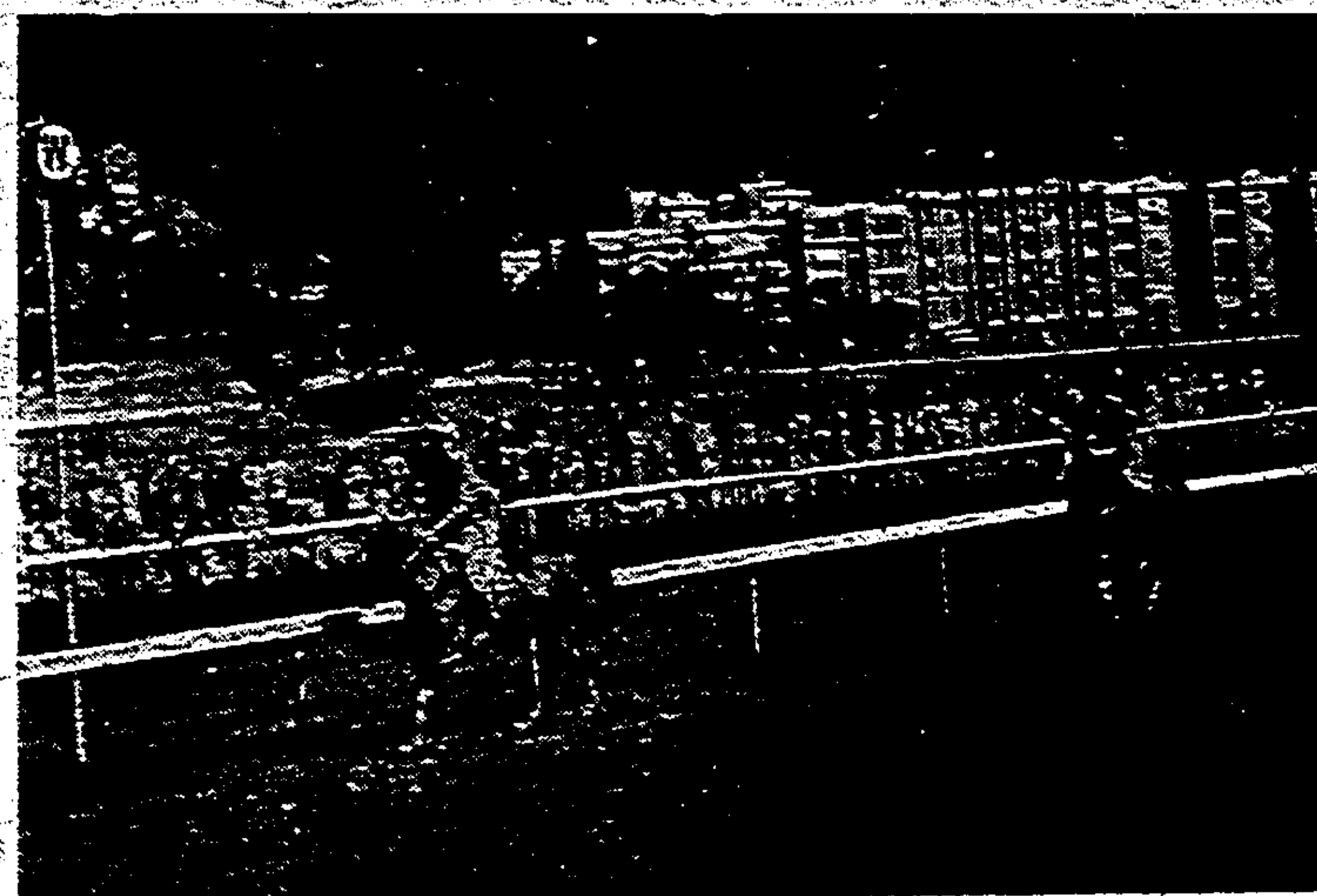
Living Sacrifice

Film Star: "You brute! I actually gave up ten weeks of my life by marrying you."

Three A.M.

"John, I'm sure I heard a mouse squeak!"

"Well, dear, do you want me to get up and oil it?"



National Faith (Mr. N. R. Kirk) is here seen winning the annual "Ewo" Handicap from Donovan (Mr. C. H. Gompertz) at last Saturday's Race Meeting. ("Mail" photo).



Mr. Li Shim-pang's Soldier of Britain (Mr. H. C. Pih) being led in after its unexpected success in the Auld Reekie Handicap last Saturday. ("Mail" photo).

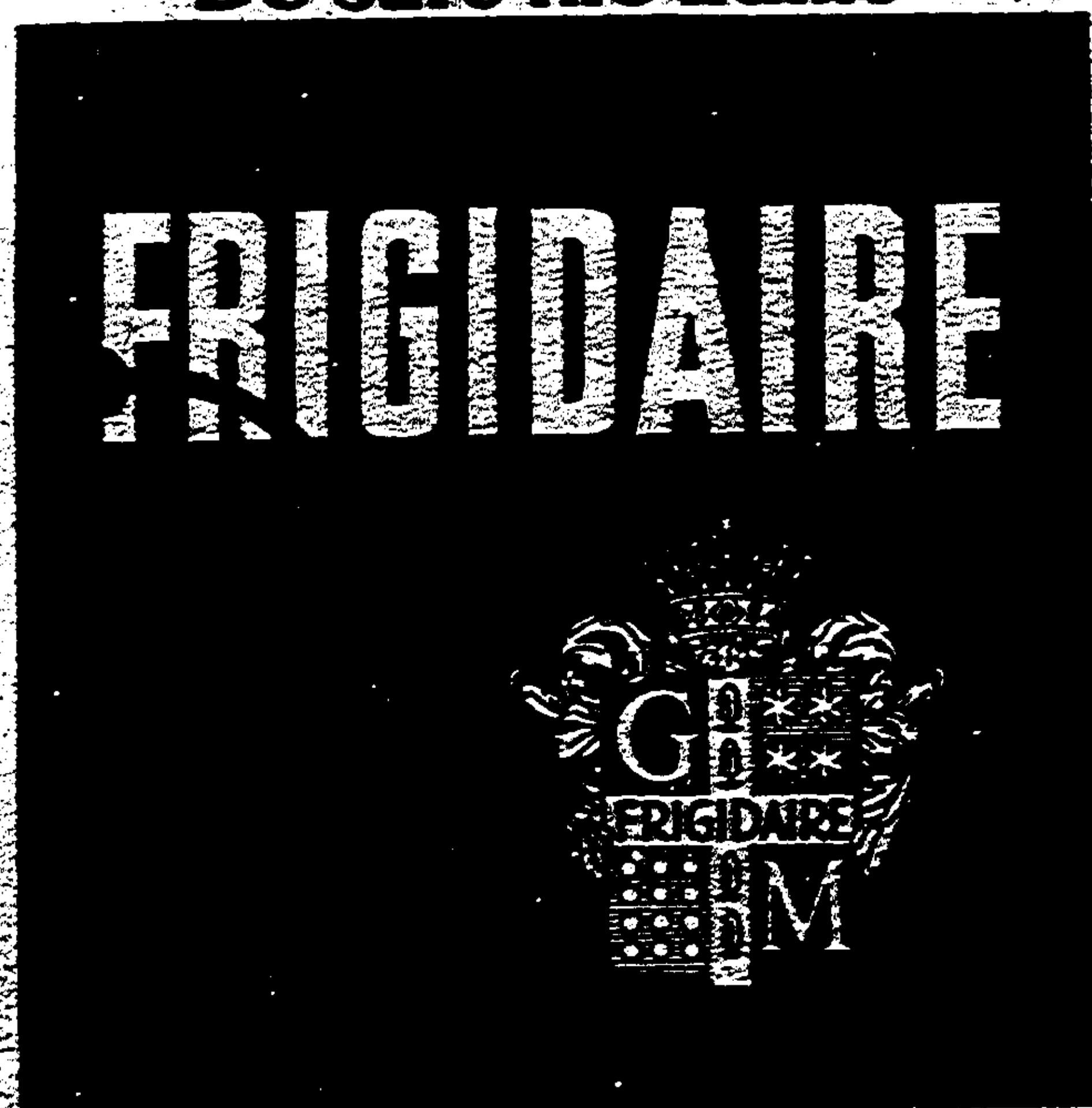


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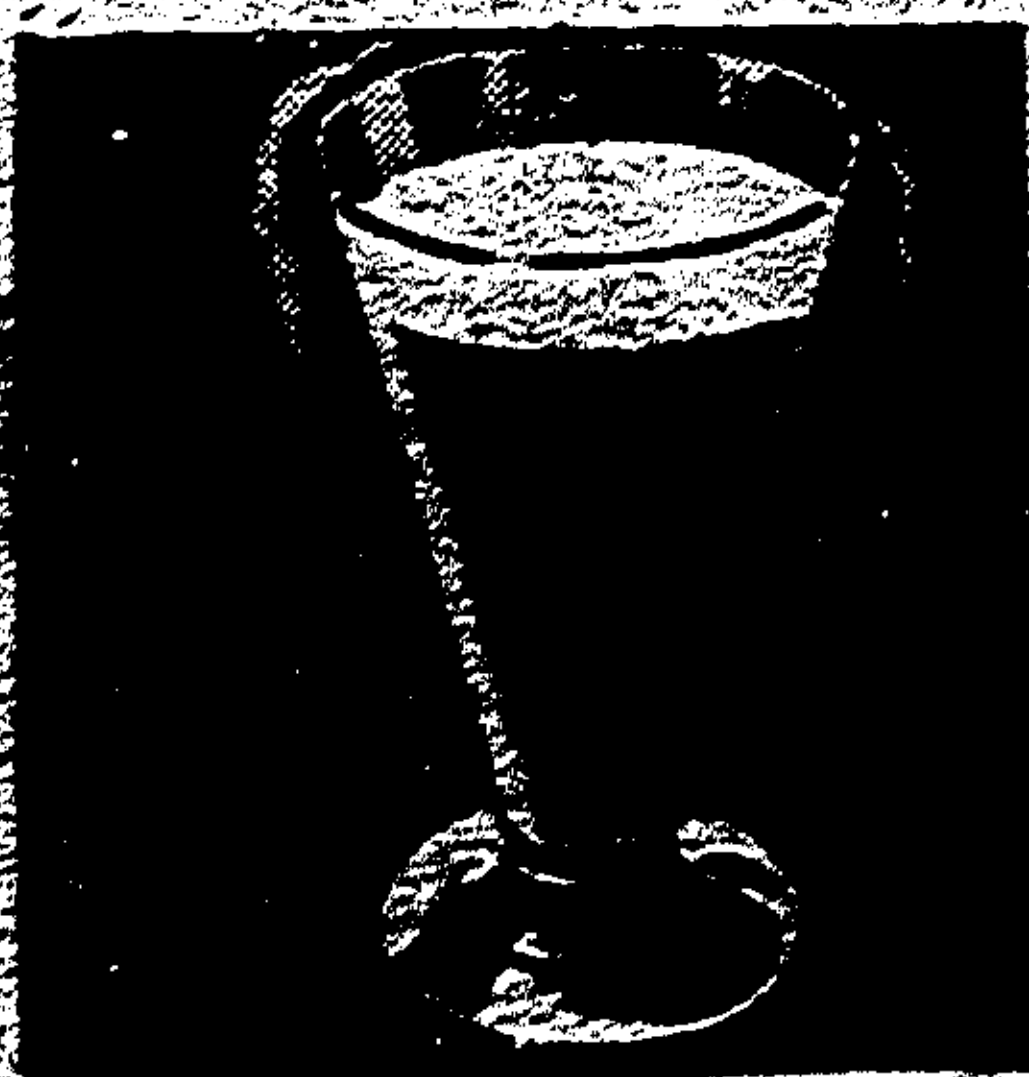
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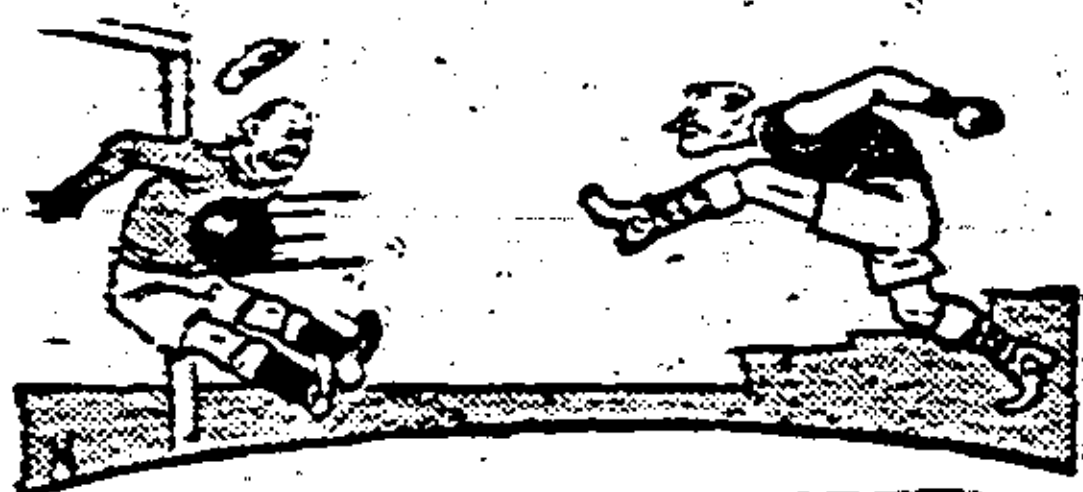
Ducat, who cables his week-end soccer exclusively to the "China Mail," played and against Scotland (twice), Wales and Ireland (twice) during his 11-year Arsenal and Aston Villa.

will be found Ducat's selections, based and knowledge of the conditions likely to and the number of injuries and changes make or mar a team.

Teams in capital letters are favoured to draw is indicated by the use of the same both teams.

1ST DIVISION

- v Preston (1)
- v Grimsby (-)
- v Liverpool (1)
- v Leeds (1)
- v Chelsea (1)
- v Birmingham (3)
- v West. Brom (1)
- v Stoke (-)
- v CHARLTON (1)
- v Portsmouth (2)
- v Middlesbro (1)
- 2ND DIVISION
- v Stockport (-)
- v BURNLEY (0)
- v M'chester U. (-)



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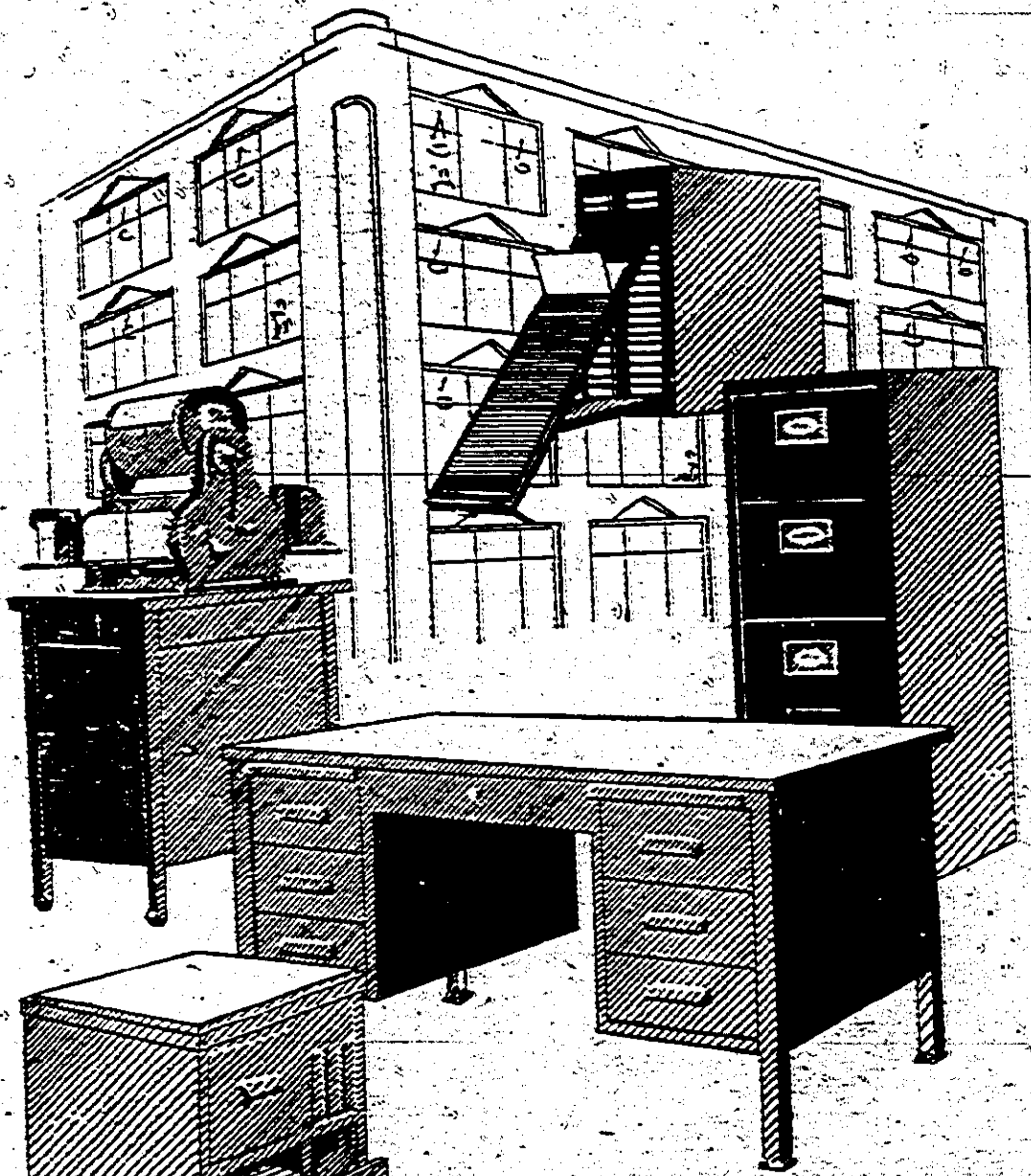
SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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| Hamilton (2) | v | Clyde (1) |
| HEARTS (4) | v | Arbroath (1) |
| MORTON (-) | v | Kilmarnock (-) |
| Rangers (1) | v | Queen's Park (1) |
| ST. JOHN-
STONE (0) | v | Partick (2) |
| St. Mirren (1) | v | Hibernian (3) |
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| COVENTRY (2) | Wrexham. | v | BRADFORD CITY |
| BARNSELY (1) | CARDIFF | v | Bristol C. |
| Notts F. (1) | ROTHERHAM | v | Aldershot |
| Bury (-) | DONCASTER | v | Guildford |
| Tottenham (0) | GLAPTON O. | v | York |
| Luton (-) | YEOVIL &
PETERS | v | Gainsbro' Trinity |
| Sheffield U. (0) | Exeter | v | HULL |
| 1ST DIVISION (SOUTH) | South Liverpool | v | BRIGHTON |
| Northampton (2) | NEWPORT | v | Bournemouth |
| | TRANMERE | v | Hartlepool |
| | Mansfield | v | Lincoln |
| | Accrington | v | Crystal P. |
| | Crewe | v | NEW BRIGHTON |
| | WATFORD | v | Walsall |
| | Walthamstow | v | SOUTHEND |
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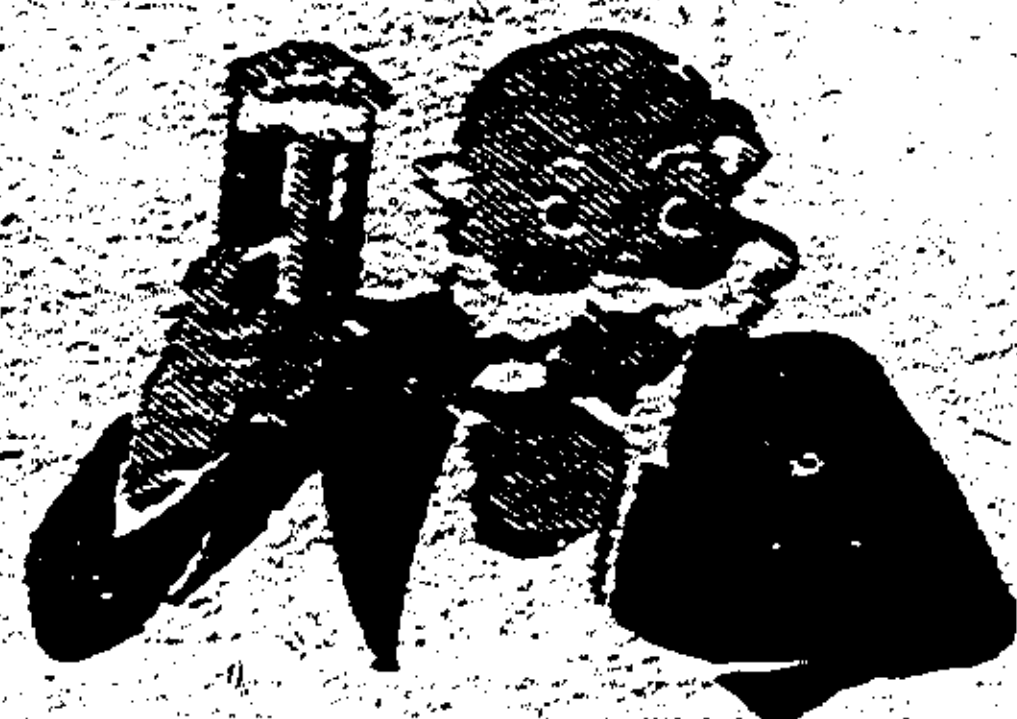
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RUDENESS AT THE ALTAR

(By Maurice Frater)

THE Colonial Office; a History," by Henry L. Hall.

Ph.D. London, for the Royal Empire Society—Longmans Green.

"The Development of Dominion Status, 1900-1936," by R. M. Dawson, London—Oxford University Press.

At a moment when the German colonial question is apparently teetering on the edge of a pronouncement by Herr Hitler, the concurrence of these two books is particularly happy. The followers of Major Astor (who has recently revived, reasonably and thoughtfully, no doubt, the matter of handing back the mandates to Germany) need every reminder of the vast difference between British colonial policy and that of Continental Powers, and these books provide at least one reminder themselves. The policy which takes as the primary consideration the benefit of the governed is not understood on the Continent; coupled with the unfortunate British tendency to preach in foreign affairs it has led lately to a revival of the "Perfidie Albion" cry, and the Fascist Press are lashing up a frenzy of hatred for Mr. Eden.

Dr. Hall's book alone would be a cogent answer to such critics. The unswerving policy of the Colonial Office, ill administered as that policy may have sometimes been, has too long a history to allow of the suspicion

that it is a carefully concealed selfishness. Stephen, Merivale, Rogers, Herbert, and more lately, Lord Lugard; were men of variant natures and ideas, yet there has been no considerable variation in the basic features of their policy. Sympathetic native administration, stern repression of exploitation, education towards responsibility, and always the final goal of free and equal partnership—these are features which are foreign to Continental colonial theory, where markets, raw materials, and exploitation are the dominant factors. It is, at least, only fair to remember this, and to remember the future of subject races before there is any talk of handing over colonial territories.

Dr. Hall is a Melbourne scholar, whose work represents the achievement of much research in London. He opens the more detailed section of his history of the Colonial Office in 1840, when the practice of writing minutes was fully adopted, so that the student can discover the private views of the permanent and parliamentary colonial staffs. He concludes it about 1885, when the main lines of policy had been decided, and when the coming of responsible government had reduced the number of Crown colonies, and had indicated the course which the remainder were likely to adopt sooner or later.

The author has dealt with the office during his selected period in a practical way. Policy is explained, not by a series of

generalisations, but by an examination of the day-to-day work and an estimate of the men who guided it. The staff of the office, the governors, and their selection (a most interesting and illuminating chapter this), the Colonial Civil Service, foreign and native policies, and constitutional problems are all examined. From the mass of detail, from the controversies of long ago over colonial bishoprics or the ventilation of native galls, one gains a heightened respect for the traditions of public service enshrined in the Office. Circumlocution, delay, stubbornness, lack of understanding, there might be, but there was also a pervading spirit of liberality and an honesty of purpose of which we have every reason to be proud.

Dr. Dawson, of Toronto University, gives us the further step, Dominion Status. It is interesting and satisfactory to note his acknowledgment to Dafoe of the "Manitoba Free Press," that inspiring Imperialist to whom the clarification of the Status owes so much. Dr. Dawson's story is briefly told in a hundred pages, ending with the 10 years immediately past, in which the implications of the 1926 Balfour Report have begun to be worked out—what the author calls "The Period of Equal Status." To this summary, a clear and satisfactory one, he adds some 300 pages of excerpts from relevant documents grouped according to their periods. An excellent feature of this section is the quantity of editorial commentary from various Empire newspapers, which supplements the more guarded official documents and statements. It may be doubted, however, whether such a source-book can be of very great assistance without greater size and elaboration. The exposition, from current sources, of the reactions to the new position gained by dominions during the war would warrant a book in itself or else such a masterly exposition as that recently given by Professor Hancock. Selection is remarkably difficult. No better example can be found than the abdication of King Edward VIII. The difficulty of the issues involved made for caution and the only excerpts provided are two from "The Times," one giving briefly the text of the Declaration Act, the other a report of an indecisive debate on the amendments to the Constitution of the Irish Free State. These have no great constitutional value in themselves, nor do they give a picture of popular reactions. Within its limits, however, the selection is good, and the brief history of the growth of the new status is most illuminating.

A DIFFERENCE

An Englishwoman, after playing a round at St. Andrew's, gave his caddie a tip, with the friendly hint: "If you do spend it on a drink, I hope it will be a teetotal one."

"Thank ye, sir," replied the caddie, "but I'd remind ye that though a caddie, I'm no a tea-caddie."

"But, Colonel! How different it must have seemed after you left—a tigerless jungle!"

A sidelight of South Sea Island life which proves a never-failing attraction and a source of amusement to visitors is the behaviour of brides at native weddings. Were brides in any other part of the world to behave in the same novel and unceremonious way as they do in the New Hebrides they would be rewarded with a front-page illustration in the newspapers.

The prevailing practice is a survival of ancestral times, and is perpetuated by dusky maidens who love to play the coquette. In bygone days a marriage was seldom, if ever, the consummation of a love affair between sweethearts. The man did not even make the initial advance; the matter was arranged between a third party and the girl's father, and far from being a consenting partner, it was etiquette for the girl to display extreme reluctance to the whole proceedings, often crying copiously and using violent language.

The natives of to-day, in every sphere of life, are gradually accommodating themselves to the models and manners of civilised communities, but, strangely enough, the wedding ceremony is the last refuge of inherited traditions, and, occasionally, a bride with coquette or suffragette leanings delights to revive the practice of earlier days and emulate her grandmother by trying the temper and dallying with the affections of the bridegroom.

A visitor naturally wonders what is amiss when the bride, on being ushered into church, poses for the ceremony with her back to the bridegroom, and takes a pride in treating him with studied rudeness. In striking contrast to the customary relationship of the sexes, the bridegroom accepts the humiliation with exemplary meekness, and appears as if he were graduating for feminine domination. All through the ceremony he remains a paragon of forbearance and patience.

At the close the bride, without taking the slightest notice of the man who is now her wedded husband, escapes from his presence with unseemly haste, and seeks refuge and more congenial company amid a bevy of waiting girl sympathisers. Fortunately, every bridegroom bargains for some such denouement, and accepts the unconventional treatment as a matter of course. Recognising that his girl wife is having her last flutter before embarking on the venture of conjugal life, he shows no resentment or anxiety.

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THE PROFESSOR'S FIRST CASE

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refutable witnesses.

This Herculean task occupied five days. The greater part of the Police Force and the whole of the card index staff were employed on it. The Commandant did not find it necessary to drive his subordinates. Everyone worked day and night, goaded by the ferment of public opinion expressed in inch type on the front pages of the newspapers.

The disadvantage of a machine is its inelasticity. On the morning of December the 24th, the head of the machine was on the point of confessing himself beaten.

At 2.30 p.m. that day, the city was prostrated by the news of a fresh slaying.

At 4 p.m. an angry, excited mob invaded the quadrangle in front of Police Headquarters. Three times the crowds were scattered only to reform and surge back. The toughs of the city were there in full force; for once they had popular sympathy behind them.

Stones were hurled. One crashed through the window of the Commandant's private office. He gave a curt order to a frock-coated official. Five minutes later, the quadrangle was deserted save for half-a-dozen prone figures. In the distance, he heard the whine of the armoured cars as they chivvied the fleeing crowd.

The Commandant glanced anxiously at the clock. His sunken eyes and twitching mouth bore witness to the terrific strain of the past week.

A harassed looking secretary entered the room and handed him a card. He glanced wearily at the inscription:

Professor Carl Krayzl,
Gothmann University.

Pencilled at the bottom was:
The Child Slayer Case.

"Send him in," said the Commandant, tonelessly.

The Professor, a pleasant-faced, middle-aged man, nervously fingered his umbrella. He bowed awkwardly in the direction of the massive table.

"Good evening, Professor. You have something of importance to communicate?"

The Professor nodded jerkily. He spoke rapidly. "I am a psychologist, Your Excellency. I have formulated a theory; these terrible outrages are the fruit of a morbid psychopathic inhibition. The Criminal—"

"Yes, yes." There was a note of impatience in the Commandant's voice. "I have heard all that before. It does not bring the madman's capture any nearer."

"Pardon me, Your Excellency, but I was about to explain. The murderer is a man who was suffered at the hands of his victims. A man to whom their little, innocent faces appear as monstrous gargoyles; their childish prattle, anathema. A man who has been badgered and tortured by them until his brain reacts violently at the very sight of children."

"Badgered and tortured," repeated the Commandant incredulously.

"Yes, badgered and tortured," said the Professor, firmly. "Children are often cruel. To hate as

this maniac hates, points to a constant association with them. For example; a schoolmaster. Overworked, underpaid, he must teach hundreds of tiny block-heads, day come day, year after year. Such a man; neurotic; a dreamer; perhaps capable of higher things, gradually becomes eccentric, then warped, and in the end violently antagonistic to his pupils."

"A Schoolmaster," muttered the Commandant. "Yes, one could imagine it."

The Professor shook his head. "I merely quoted him as an example."

A powerful grey saloon swung into the square. Despite the murders, the place was crowded and the brilliantly lighted shops, busier than ever, though a casual scrutiny of the heavily laden shoppers revealed that they had left their children at home. The little ones were to spend Christmas Eve safely indoors.

The car stopped outside Teclaus. The Professor, leading the way, closely followed by the Commandant, passed over the spot where Johann had been cut down and disappeared through the swing doors. Inside, the Professor made a systematic tour, going up in the lift and descending floor by floor. The Commandant stuck to his heels, sweating profusely, for the atmosphere was stiflingly hot. On the ground floor, are looking little non-plussed, the Professor went over to a shop walker and whispered something in his ear. The man pointed to the Bargain Basement stairs. Grasping the Commandant's arm, the Professor pushed a way through the crowded aisles.

The Bargain Basement housed the cheapest goods was a solid mass of perspiring, good tempered humanity. Far over on the left a huge fir tree towered, brilliantly illuminated, its branches festooned with multi-coloured balls and hung with toys.

The Professor, using his feet and elbows freely, hacked his way towards it. By the tree, he paused and abstractedly began to play with a woolly rabbit. The tree's guardian, who was dressed in traditional costume laughed through his mask. The Commandant stared at his companion. His expression reflected astonishment and anger; valuable time was being frittered away; even now the slayer might be planning to strike again.

Suddenly the Professor kicked Santa Claus on the ankle. With a howl of pain, the old fellow bent forward. As he did so, a long bladed knife slipped from the sleeve of his robe and lay gleaming on the carpet. A second later, the Commandant hurled himself at the doubled-up figure.

"Exactly how did you figure it out Professor?" asked the Crime Reporter.

The Professor smiled. "In the first place, accidentally. A week before the murders commenced, I took my small daughter to choose her Christmas present. Just before we entered the

scene of the criminal's arrest, she cried: "Look daddy—poor Santa Claus!" I turned round and saw the man we now know to be the murderer, surrounded by half-a-dozen ragged urchins—poor little devils, they were trying to raid his sack. The old fellow was terribly upset. He shouted angrily and beat them off with his staff."

"The incident," continued the Professor, "faded from my mind. Then the outrages started. I read the newspaper reports of the razzia. Everyone in the street had been searched and examined; likewise all the shoppers inside the shops. I at once concluded that the slayer must be a shop assistant. But whom could it be—for it was not reasonable to suppose that an employee could wander the streets at all hours of the day without his absence being commented on. Indeed, the police had assumed that to be impossible because two of the victims had been cut down some miles away from the scene of Johann's end. No, it had to be somebody whose absence would be taken for whose presence working inside granted and, at the same time, the store would arouse no comment. Again, the slayer killed in broad daylight, in crowded cen-

tres. To enable him to do this without being immediately detected, he had to be a person above suspicion. Furthermore, the nature of the outrages pointed to a person suffering from a repressed hatred of children.

"Santa Claus," said the Professor, sadly, "was the one person who answered all my postulates. It was part of his duties to parade round the streets advertising the shop; in addition he was expected to lend a hand inside. No one would dream that the Patron Saint, the time honoured benefactor of children could be guilty of such monstrous crimes against them. Thanks to my daughter drawing my attention to the harassed Santa Claus in the street, I knew that at least one of them did not live up to his traditional reputation."

"Thanks, Professor," said the reporter as he scribbled away.

"And now, one more question if I may?"

"Certainly."

"You had definite proof before you kicked the slayer's ankle?"

"I noticed that his beard was splashed with red. That convinced me," added the Professor.



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Who were the companions of Jones on each of the three occasions on which he took out a boat?

MULTIPLICATION SUM

B O O B
B A

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T O O T

I

In the above multiplication sum

HOUSES

I'd like to have a big, white house,

With trees along the wall,
And coloured windows that would drip

Red blobs is to the hall,
And I would have a tall, thin tower

Where I could hide all day,
And laugh to hear the people climb

The stairs and go away.

I'd like to have a house all built
Of logs with cracks between,
Where I could play at Indians
Inside, and not be seen.

And I would hear old grizzly bears

Pad round, and put my gun
Between the cracks, and watch
the bears

And wolves and tigers, run.

But best of all I'd like to have
A lighthouse for my own,
And polish up the lamp each day,

And guide the ships alone.
And I would hang my fishing lines

From windows in the wall,
And cook the fish for visitors
If any chose to call.

BOOB is multiplied by BA. Each letter stands for a digit (or for 0). Complete the bottom line.

Solutions to "Brush Up Your Wits"

1-THE BOATING PICNIC

Denote Mr. Smith by A and his wife and daughter by a and x.

Denote Mr. Brown by B and his wife and daughter by b and y.

Denote Mr. Jones by C and his wife and daughter by c and z.

Denote Mr. Robinson by D and his wife and daughter by d and u.

Then y is in either A's or D's boat after tea.

If she is in A's boat for companion is either c or d, and it follows that A's boat contains either d and z or c and u after lunch.

We should then have one or other of the following schemes:

	A	B	C	D
I (1)	b	u	z	y
(2)	d	z	x	u
(3)	c	y	u	z
or				
II (1)	b	z	u	x
(2)	c	u	x	y
(3)	d	y	z	u

In I d and z are together in (2), and therefore d must be with y in (1) (as she cannot be with D) and with x in (3) (as cannot be with u), which is contrary to hypothesis as d cannot be twice with C.

Similarly II can be shown to be an impossible arrangement, and it follows that y is in D's boat after tea.

Therefore x is with D before lunch and z with D after lunch.

PETS

Peter has goldfish
Which he keeps in a bowl.
Bob has a monkey
Which climbs up a pole.
Alec a puppy
Which sits on a chair.
But I have silverfish
That run everywhere.

the alternative being ruled out as x is with B after lunch.

The companions of D and x must be b or c, but b is known to be in A's boat before lunch. Therefore D's companions in order are cx, bz and au. Hence c cannot be in B's boat after lunch, but must be in A's, and must be in B's boat after tea.

The complete scheme is now readily written down as follows:

	A	B	C	D
(1)	b	u	z	y
(2)	c	y	d	x
(3)	d	z	c	u

Thus the companions of Jones are Mrs. Robinson and Miss Brown before lunch, Mrs. Smith and Miss Robinson after lunch, and Mrs. Brown and Miss Smith after tea.

2-MULTIPLICATION SUM

BOOB=3003
BA=37

Hence the product (111111)
=11111

The one thing no woman can hide...



I'm looking forward tremendously to this theatre party with the Cartwrights tonight, darling...



THINKS: I'm not. I look about a hundred-wish I wasn't always so tired



You're looking very attractive tonight Mrs. Cartwright

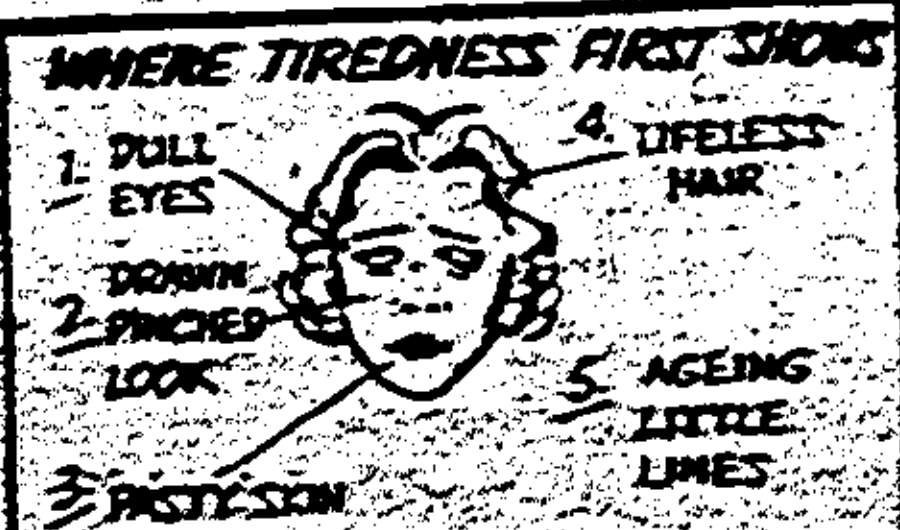
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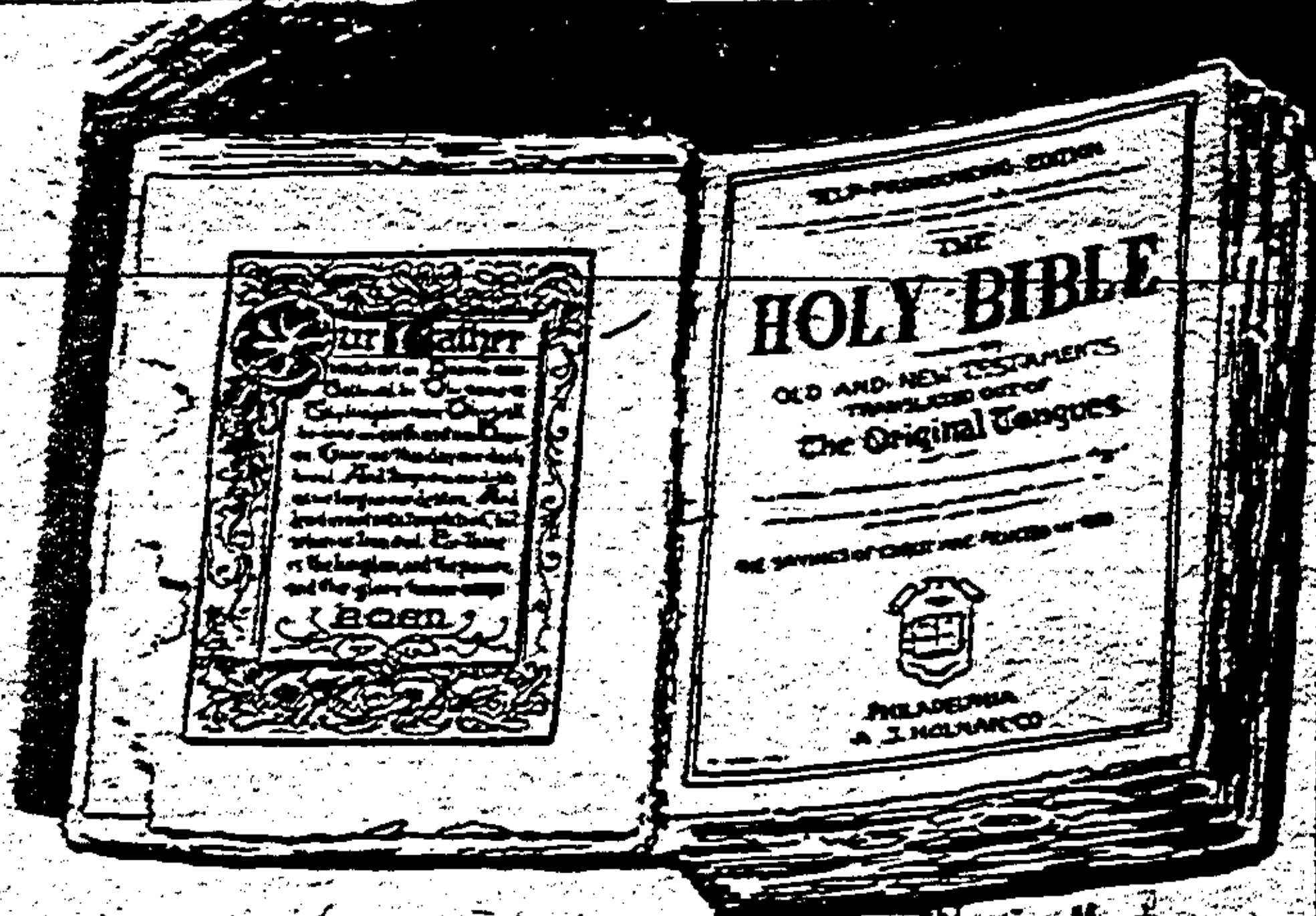
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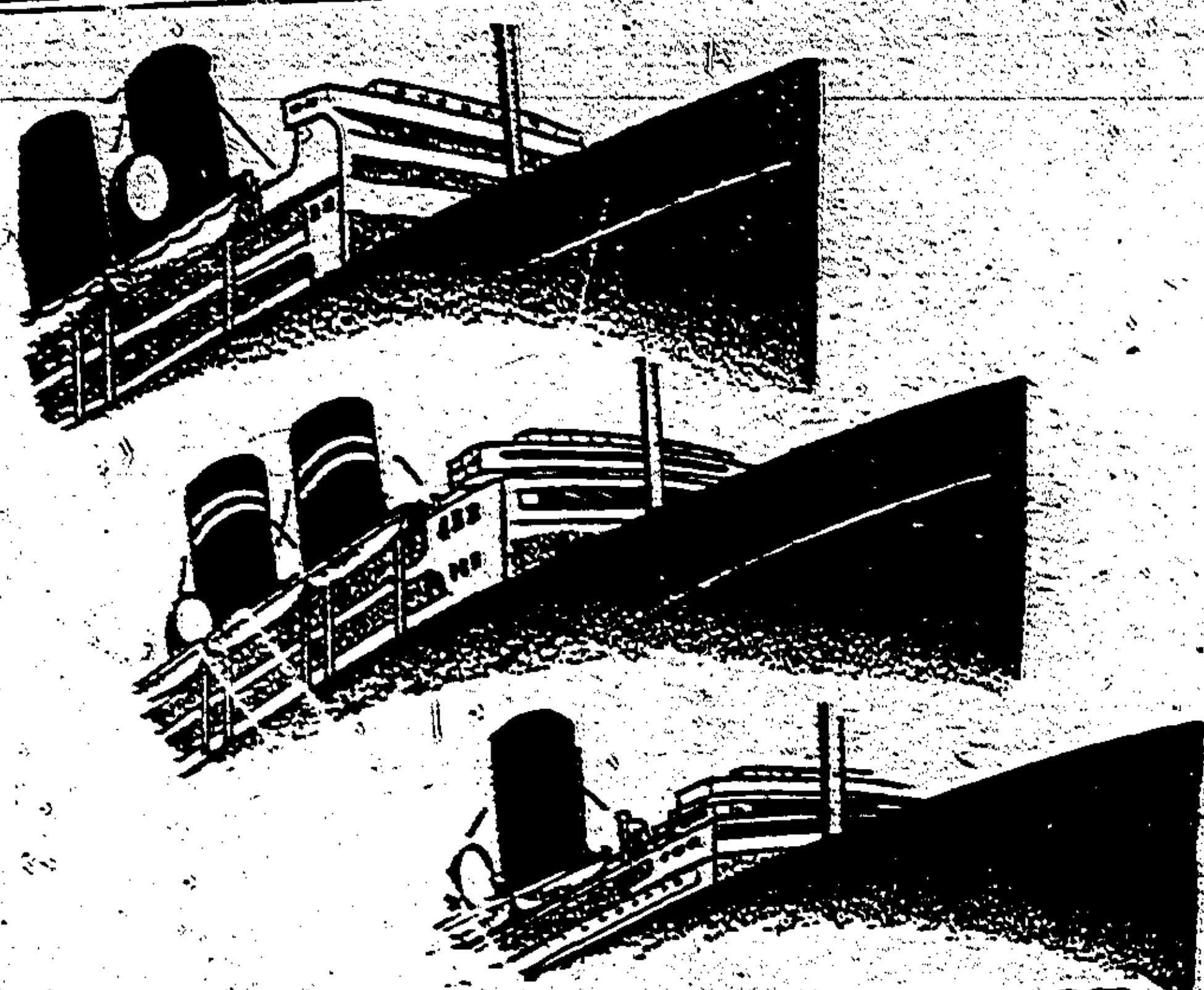
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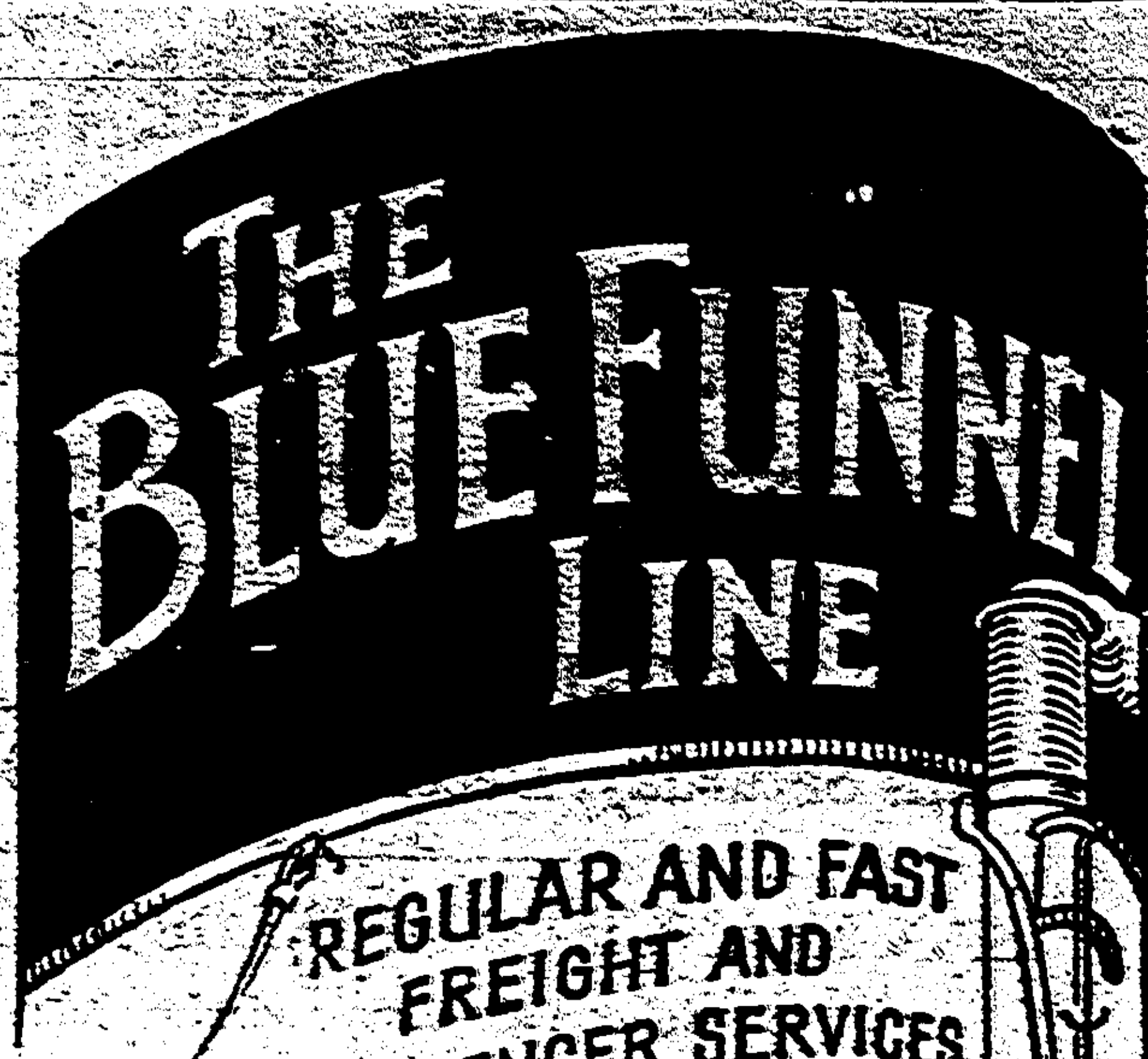
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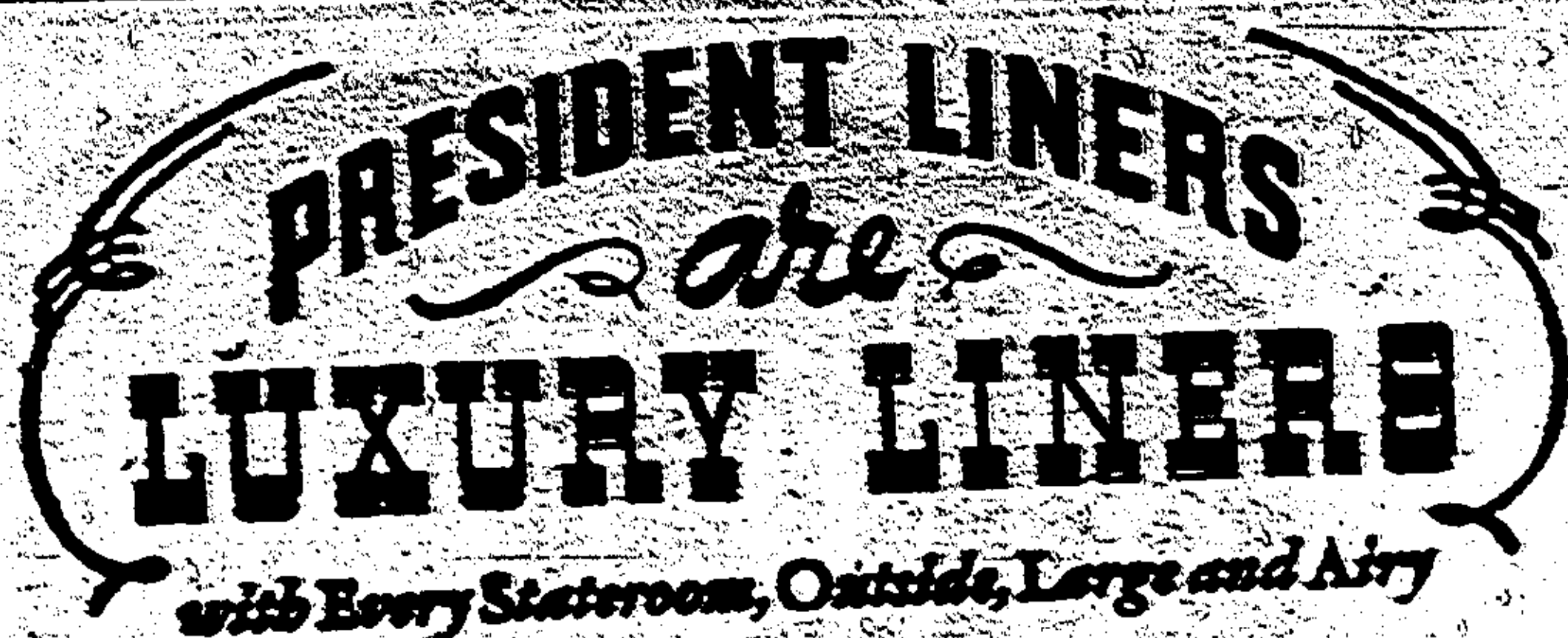
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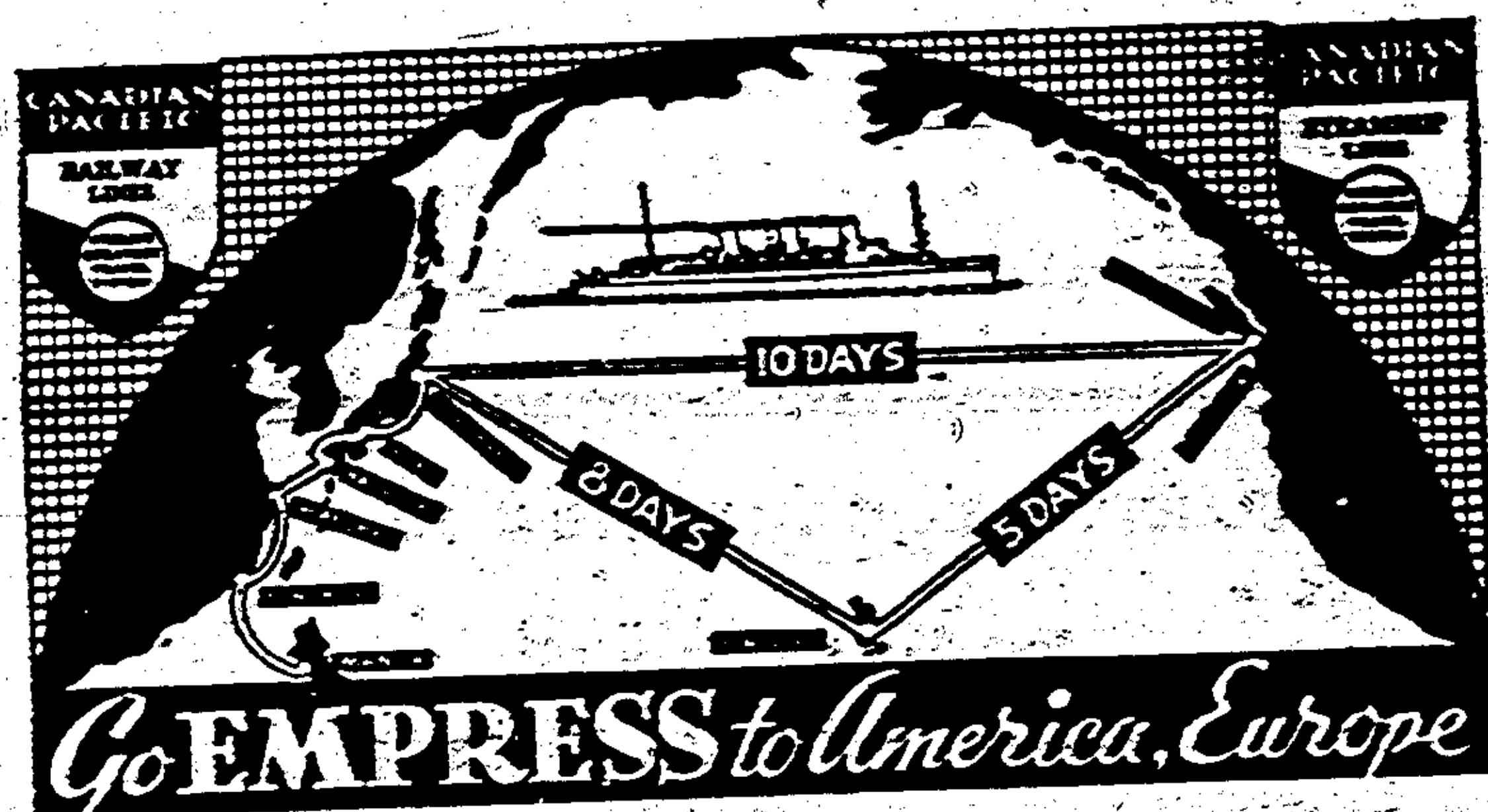
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BLUE BLOOD LEAGUE OFFERS CHARGE IN SIMPSON WEDDING

(By AIR MAIL)

New York, November 28.

Exemption of Mr. Ernest Simpson, divorced husband of the Duchess of Windsor, and Mrs. Mary Kirk Raffray from the marriage laws of Connecticut was scathingly criticised to-day.

"Blue blood is better than red blood in the eyes of Connecticut justice."

That is the charge made by the Bridgeport Herald in attacking the waiving of Connecticut's five-day licence and blood test laws which enabled Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Raffray to marry at Fairfield last Thursday.

The laws were passed to prevent "gin weddings," the newspaper says, and "champagne weddings" are no less contrary to public policy than "gin weddings."

Probate Judge Bradford Boardman, who waived the laws, is attacked by the newspaper, which adds: "Love laughs at locksmiths, so it's said in Fairfield: if it's plush-lined and silk-pursed love it also laughs at the law."

JUDGE AMUSED BY HIGHWAY CODE

"Full of Fun"

"This is a book full of wise saws and sayings, and we should lay to heart its golden maxims," remarked Mr. Justice Charles after quoting from the Highway Code.

The Code was produced by counsel during a street accident case, heard in the King's Bench Division.

When counsel was about to read from the book, the judge observed: "Now you are going to quote from this authority, which injunction it is you look to for comfort—the one that begins 'Love one another?'" (laughter).

Later his lordship said: "Might I have a copy of this manual?—for it is full of fun, you know."

Counsel handed up his copy "with compliments, for your lordship's library, and I am sorry that it is not bound in leather gilt."

Mr. Justice Charles: Never mind. It has a nice cover.

Turning the pages, the judge said: "Listen to this. 'As the manner in which you use the road affects a large number of others, show care and courtesy at all times'—that undoubtedly must be right."

"It goes on: 'Avoid unnecessary noise' (laughter). 'Remember, too, to keep your dog under proper control, whether it is on the road or in the vehicle' . . . Oh, this book is full of good advice!"

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-15/16 and "forward" at 18-11/16.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at \$-U.S.44.9972 and the New York on London rate at \$-U.S.44.99%.

Geneva, To-day.
Freeing of markets for raw materials is urged by the League Economic Committee in its Report to the Council.

The Committee suggests that governments should conform as far as possible to the following principles:

Raw materials should not be subjected to export prohibitions and restrictions except in pursuance of an international regulation scheme, nor subjected to export duties except when duties are imposed uniformly on all buyers for revenue or in order to finance improved production methods.

Foreigners should have the same rights and facilities as nationals for developing natural resources, both in sovereign countries and colonies. — Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1500 b.
Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) £32 b.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$515 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

Providents (Old) \$2 b., \$2.05 s.

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H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.20 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$13 3/4 sa.
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China Lights (New) C.R. \$11.05 b.
Macao Electrics \$20 s.
Sandakan Lights \$14 1/4 b.
Telephones (Old) \$26 1/4 s.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$12.70 b.

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Watsons, \$4 1/4 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$5 b.
Wallace Harpers \$5 s.
Rights, \$5 1/4 b., \$5 1/4 sa.

RAUB GOLD

"The Hong Kong Stock Exchange have received the following Cable from the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.—

November-December Output.

Crushing No. 527

Tons Treated 4,918

Bullion 1,379 ounces.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan./Mar. 26% Up 1/4 b.

April/June 26% Up 1/4 b.

July/Sept. 26% Up 1/4 b.

Market—Dull.

BRITISH BANK ADVANCES

London, To-day.
A healthy feature of the country's finances is the steady rise over the past year in the total of bank advances — a movement which the last monthly statement of the London clearing banks shows is continuing.

At £986,210,000, the November average of the advances of the eleven London clearing banks compares with £890,224,000 a year ago.

In 1929, the thousand million mark was passed but in the final quarter of 1933, advances had dropped well below £750,000,000.—British Wireless.

PARIS FAIR DOUBTS

Paris, To-day.
Whether the World Exhibition will reopened in 1938 is still undecided.

Whereas the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday decided by 27 votes to 9 in favour of reopening, the trade committee yesterday afternoon rejected the proposal by 13 votes to 12.

It is thought possible that the Government will make the question a vote of confidence in the Chamber.—Trans-Ocean.

RUSH FOR CONVERSION LOAN IN U. S.

Washington, To-day.
The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced yesterday that \$250,000,000 80-year Bonds have been oversubscribed approximately sixteen times.

Subscriptions for \$200,000,000 5-Year Notes were thirteen times oversubscribed.—Reuter.

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KEEN RACE FOR JOCKEY'S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE OUTSIDER'S TRIUMPH IN THE MAIN EVENT

(By "RAPIER")

DELIGHTFUL weather conditions which prevailed last Saturday, when the Hong Kong Jockey Club staged their Twelfth Extra Race Meeting, was undoubtedly responsible for the presence of a large gathering of racing enthusiasts which must have constituted a record. The Cash Sweeps naturally commanded the greatest support, and returns generally were exceptionally handsome for a \$1.00 investment.

Assisted by the hard state of the track, the racing on the whole was extraordinarily keen. It was a great performance on the part of Able Amazon, beautifully handled by Mr. S. C. Liang, in lowering the record over the mile, but it could not be recognised due to the difference in weight.

The defeat of Strathroy, in the same race, was not totally unexpected, as this pony had not been shaping too well lately. This was Strathroy's first defeat this year, but I have no doubt that it will show much improved from at the Annual Race Meeting.

Punters had a gruelling time last Saturday when favourites were defeated with regular monotony, resulting in fairly substantial dividends being paid in several events. Despite their disappointment, however, they were recompensed with an afternoon of thoroughly enjoyable racing.

Owners again shared the spoils, the even distribution of which has now become a regular feature at Extra Race Meetings. With another meeting to go, there is now keen competition among the leading jockeys to win the coveted distinction of being Champion Jockey for 1937, an honour which is at present being held by Mr. Don Black, with Mr. S. C. Liang in close attendance. In fact, these two jockeys are now leading with a similar number of wins, and the next meeting will decide the issue.

OUTSIDER'S TRIUMPH

The main event of the day, the St. Andrew's Stakes, was won by Red Feather, a rank outsider, which was cleverly ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang. The handsome trophy which accompanied this event was handed over to Mrs. L. Dunbar the owner, by Sir A. D. A. MacGregor, the reigning Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, amidst enthusiastic applause.

There was a good crowd of spectators during the first race, the "Ewo Handicap," ridden by members of the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., and the Jardine Engineering Corporation Ltd. To the yell of "Go" from several directions, the ponies were sent off in a long procession, with Morning Tip (Mr. H. F. Hopkins) taking the lead by virtue of a handicap of 200 yards. It was near the half mile post that it was overhauled by National Faith (Mr. E. R. Kirk), and then by Donovan (Mr. C. H. Gompertz).

There was a spirited struggle between these two ponies until the last quarter was reached, but National Faith eventually won by two lengths, with Morning Tip just out-



ing Emergency Call (Mr. E. O. Butler) for third place.

FINE RESPONSE

In the second race, the Auld Reekie Handicap, Mr. W. H. S. Davis sent Oak Bay into the lead with Gladiator (Mr. N. Deitz) at its heels, Mr. H. C. Pih being satisfied to keep Soldier of Britain behind until nearing the mile post.

It was at this stage that Soldier of Britain responded beautifully, and went on to win with two lengths to spare from Gladiator, thus robbing Lady Northcote of the distinction of recording a win at her first venture on the local track.

MAIN-FEATURE

The third race, the St. Andrew's Stakes, which was regarded as the main event of the day, attracted all entries. Harvest View (Mr. Y. T. Fung) forced the pace from the start, with Honeymoon Eve (Mr. A. D. Coppin) and Red Feather (Mr. S. W. Tang) nearby. Coming up to the Rock for the second time, Mr. D. Black sent Dawn Star to the front to take the lead, but this was short-lived.

Red Feather came up with a powerful last quarter, passed Dawn Star at the two mile post, and romped home with four lengths to spare.

with Rob Roy (Mr. N. Deitz) third, another two lengths behind. Dawn Star. Full credit must be given to Mr. S. W. Tang in this race, as he handled his mount in a masterly manner.

EX-CHAMPION'S COMEBACK

The Saughton Handicap, for "A" Class Australian ponies, was featured by the return to form of Able Amazon, an ex-Champion, when it inflicted a thrashing on Strathroy, the present champion.

The race was contested at a very fast pace, with Lancashire Chips (Mr. B. A. Proulx) forcing the issue all the way round. As I stated in my notes of last Friday when Lancashire Chips very nearly won, had not Able Amazon struck its old form when least expected, it would have done so. Able Amazon's win gave its lucky backers \$101.90 for a \$5 bet.

LAUGHING GIRL DISAPPOINTS

The first leg of the "Daily Double," the Dumbiedykes Handicap (First Section) was regarded as a certainty for Laughing Girl (Mr. S. C. Liang) for its sprinting ability, but it disappointed badly.

The start of the race saw Laughing Girl take the lead, with Ythan (Mr. D. Black) just behind.

Coming into the straight, Ythan passed Laughing Girl to take the lead, which it maintained and, in spite of a valiant effort on the part of Mr. B. A. Proulx, on Sylvandale, won with a length to spare with Laughing Girl a short head behind, taking third position.

The sixth race, the Murrayfield Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies, saw the favourite, Llanarmon (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) beat Saucy Face (Mr. H. C. Pih) by a neck to win this event.

CLOSE DUEL FOR HONOURS

Saucy Face took the lead most of the way, with Zodiac (Mr. S. C. Liang) and Dick Turpin (Mr. B. A. Proulx) close behind, and coming into the straight it was still leading.

A few ponies were practically behind it when nearing the Band Stand, but suddenly Llanarmon shot out and caught up with Saucy Face near the Owner's Stand. These two battled their way together with Llanarmon securing the verdict by a neck, with Dick Turpin third, another length behind.

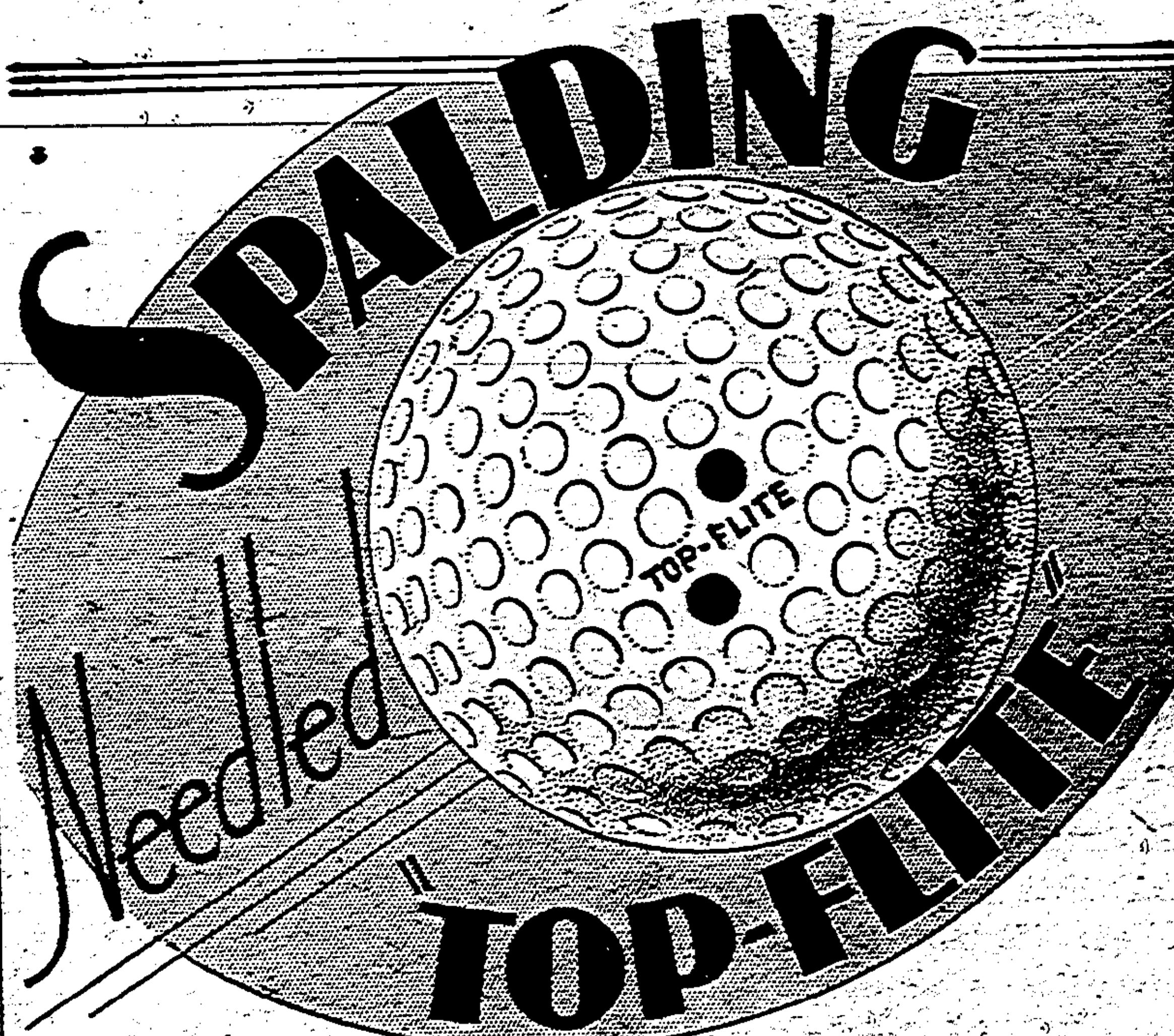
NOTHING IN IT

In the seventh race, the Dunsappie Handicap, which was the second leg of the "Daily Double," the finish was quite exciting, as three ponies fought it out with little to spare at the end.

Atomic Star (Mr. S. C. Liang) jumped out on the rise of the gate with Whalsey (Mr. B. A. Proulx) behind, and on rounding the bend Whalsey took the lead and was heading for the winning post, but when, passing the mile post, its heavy burden of 168 lbs. began to take effect. The pony was all out when Tabby Cat passed it a few lengths from the winning post with Yum Sing (Mr. W. G. Poy) third.

I cannot understand why Tabby Cat should have been so badly neglected in the betting, as this pony came in second to Whalsey, in the Human Handicap (Second Sec-

(Continued on Page 19)



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The Kowloon Cricket Club Winter lawn tennis tournament has drawn a large response from members, and the draws are given below.

All events will be the best of three sets and new balls will only be provided for the finals. The matches may be played from now until January 1, 1938, at competitors' convenience, but dates and times will be fixed for all matches not completed by that date, and competitors are requested to hold themselves available for play both on the mornings and afternoons of the following dates:

Sunday, January 9, 1938,
Sunday, January 16, and Sunday, January 23.

Due notice of all matches arranged by the Tennis Sub-Committee, giving times and dates, will be sent to each competitor.

All matches not played at times arranged will be reviewed and walk-overs awarded. The decision of the Tennis Sub-Committee will be final.

The draws are:—

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

First Round:—
D. Orr & Mrs. Knight (—15) v. W. Skinner & Miss J. Nash (scr.).
F. Malcolm & Mrs. A. Smith (scr.) v. G. C. Burnett & Mrs. H. Crabb (—15/3/6).
R. S. Capell & Mrs. G. A. White (—15) v. R. Harding & Mrs. G. E. Clarke (scr.).
Byes Into 2nd Round:—
J. S. Smith & Mrs. J. Sweeney (—15).
B. Palmertz & Mrs. N. Smeby (scr.) v. H. Crabb & Mrs. G. A. White (scr.).
A. Philippens & Mrs. P. Coombs (scr.) v. J. M. Ovans & Mrs. Blanford (scr.).
P. Coombs & Mrs. Kella (scr.) v. D. Trail & Mrs. E. Williams (—15/3/6).
C. Blum & Mrs. D. Trail (—3/6) v. B. Monks & Mrs. W. Old (—3/6).
G. A. White & Mrs. G. C. Burnett (—15/3/6) v. G. E. Clarke & Mrs. T. Madar (—15/3/6).

First Round:—
N. Smeby & Mrs. R. Marks (scr.) v. A. Crawford & Mrs. Edwards (—15/3/6).
E. C. Fincher & Mrs. Wallace (—15/3/6) v. C. J. Tacchi & Mrs. E. C. Fincher (—3/6).

LADIES' DOUBLES

First Round:—
Mrs. E. Williams and Miss G. A. White (—15/3/6) v. Miss J. Nash and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (—15/3/6).

Byes Into 2nd Round:—
Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. W. Old (scr.).
Mrs. J. Sweeney and Mrs. D. Trail (—15/3/6) v. Mrs. T. Madar and Mrs. E. Marks (—15).

Mrs. H. Crabb and Mrs. N. Smeby (scr.) v. Mrs. G. E. Clark and Mrs. Kella (—15).
Mrs. Knight and Mrs. A. Smith (—15).

First Round:—
Mrs. E. C. Fincher and Mrs. G. A. White (scr.) v. Mrs. Blanford and Mrs. Edwards (scr.).

Bye Into 2nd Round:—
C. J. Tacchi and A. E. P. Guest (—15/3/6).

Fine All Round Display In Colony Tennis Tie GUEST AND MISS M. GRIFFITHS WIN

E. FINCHER AND MISS PERRY ALSO SUCCESSFUL

(By "ADREM")

Although their combination was infinitely superior and they played a better brand of tennis, Miss Tylor and J. M. Tomlinson went down at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, to Miss Madge Griffiths and A. E. P. Guest by scores of 6-4, 6-3, in the Colony Mixed Doubles Championship.

This game proved to be a good deal closer than the score indicates. Prolonged rallies culminated by some really brilliant coups generally on the part of the losers, maintained keen interest until the final point, which Miss Tylor placed into the net in trying a winning volley.

Guest and Miss Griffiths were far from convincing. They did just enough, or rather they made sufficiently few errors, to give them victory on this occasion, but I feel that they will have to stiffen up their game in all departments if they hope to as much as extend H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu, their opponents in the next round.

MISS GRIFFITHS STALE?

Miss Griffiths gave me the impression that she was stale. Possibly she was suffering from the reaction of her hard three set match with Miss Perry the previous day. In any event, her strokes at the outset lacked confidence and she was generally inclined to be listless. She improved considerably as she went along, however, and towards the latter stages, was her old imperturbable self.

Guest was obviously out of practice and made far more errors than I have seen him make for some time. He was never very happy with his ground strokes and was also tentative with his volley when he was drawn to the net—he rarely made a trip there on his own initiative.

MISS TYLOR POLISHED

The most pleasing feature of the game, as far as I was concerned, at any rate, was the display of Miss Tylor. I have never before, watched her throughout a match and had no idea she was such a polished player. Unlike most ladies in Hong Kong, she takes the forecourt from preference and has as pretty and as crisp a volley as I have seen, apart from Fraulein Horn, for many a long day.

Her forehand drive is hit hard

First Round:—
J. M. Ovans and A. Crawford (—15/3/6) v. N. Smeby and R. Harding (scr.).
D. Trail and F. Malcolm (scr.) v. D. Orr and R. E. Lee (—3/6).
W. M. Gittins and J. R. Luke (—3/6) v. W. Skinner and A. G. Philippens (scr.).
G. E. Clarke and E. Abraham (—15) v. E. C. Fincher and B. Monks (—40).
P. Coombs and J. S. Smith (—3/6) v. H. Crabb and G. C. Burnett (—30).
L. Jack and R. S. Capell (—15) v. A. E. Perry and G. A. White (—3/6).
Bye Into 2nd Round:—
C. Blum and B. Palmertz (—15).



Racing

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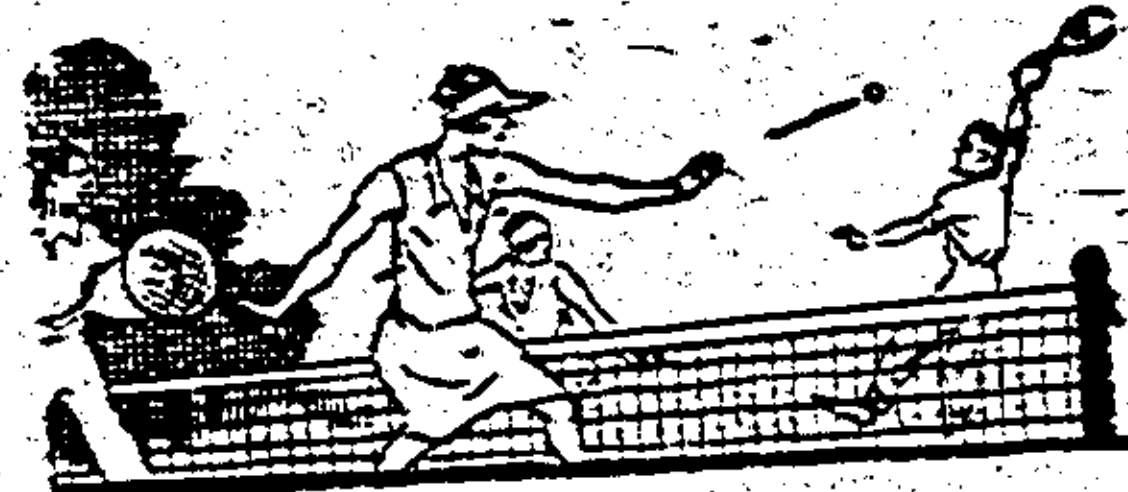
tion), at the eighth Extra Race Meeting, over six furlongs, which should have entitled it to second favourite. The 10 lucky punters who had confidence in it were rewarded with the handsome return of \$420.20 in the "Daily Double."

ANOTHER CLOSE AFFAIR

In the final race of the day, the Dumbiedykes Handicap (Second Section), a grand finish was witnessed.

The race was interesting to watch, and it looked at one time as if Valorous (Mr. Y. T. Fung) would have no difficulty in winning, but a strong challenge came from Good Morning (Mr. S. L. Yuen), Laughing Cavalier (Mr. Tang Man Wa) and Coronation Day (Mr. S. W. Tang).

These four ponies fought out the finish, which kept spectators on tenterhooks up to the last second. Good Morning just winning by a head with Valorous a short head in front of Laughing Cavalier and Coronation Day, which dead-heated for third position.



and placed judiciously and her backhand is adequate. If she showed any weakness yesterday, it was overhead, where she is inclined to take her eye off the ball. This fault notwithstanding, she tucked some away very nicely for winners.

ENCROACHMENT

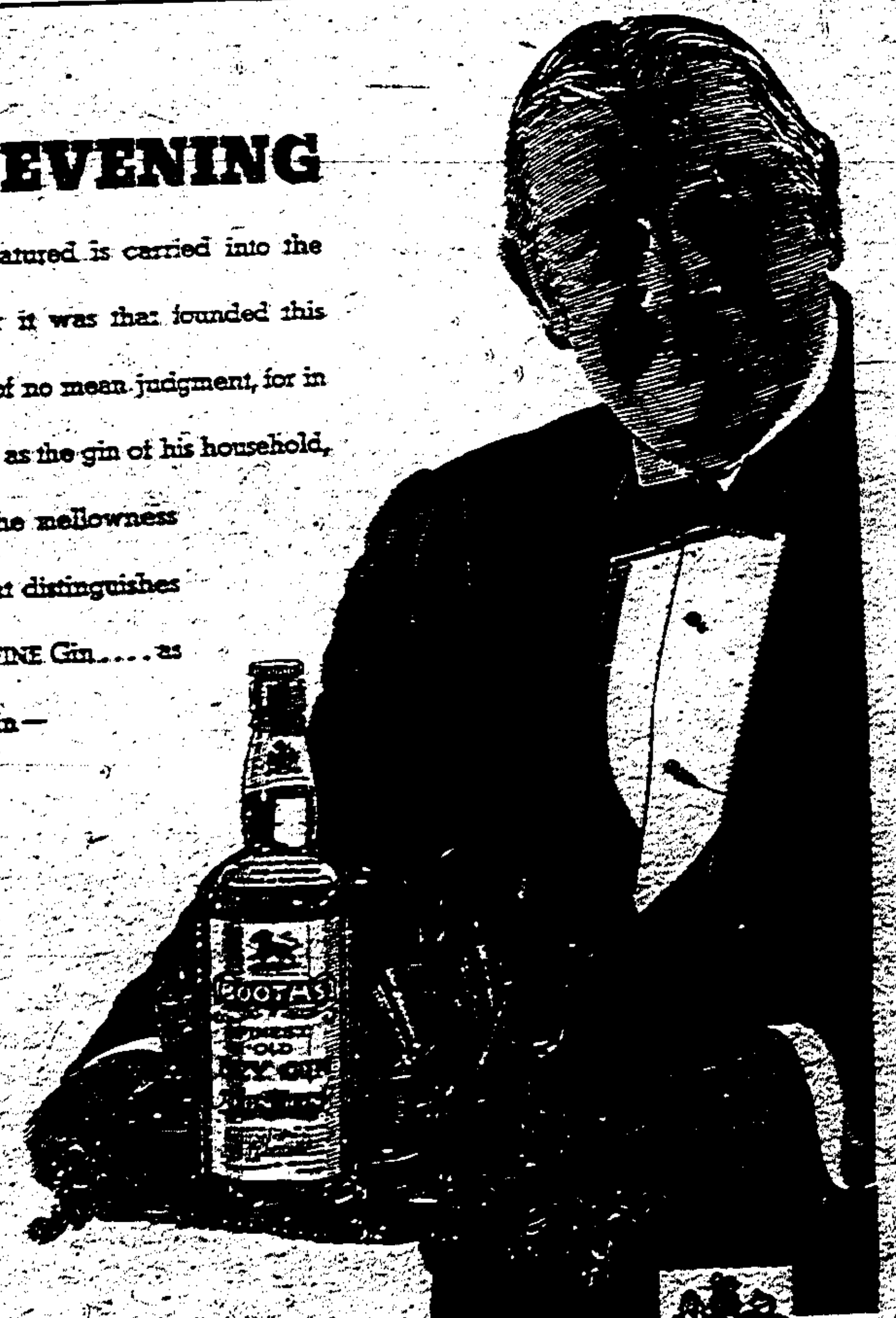
Tomlinson also played very well, although it appeared to me, he encroached rather more than was ne-

cessary on his partner's territory. His chief weakness was also overhead but this apart, he showed a wide range of very effective strokes.

In another match on the U.S.R.C., E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry beat H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. J. P. Whitham 6-2, 6-3.

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RONNIE GERRARD MARRIES MISS MOLLY TAYLOR AT BATH ENGLAND'S CAPTAIN AS BEST MAN

FAMOUS PLAYERS AT WEDDING

Bath, November 19.

OVER 400 guests, Rugby internationals and leading residents of Bath and neighbourhood attended the wedding this afternoon, at St. Mary's, Bathwick, of Miss Molly Taylor, the brilliant young architect-artist daughter of Mr. A. J. Taylor, F.R.I.B.A., architect to the Spa Committee, with Mr. R. A. Gerrard, the Bath, Somerset and England Rugby star, who is on the civil engineering staff of the Bath Corporation, and who was born in Hong Kong and who received his early education at the Diocesan Boys' School.

THE BRIDE DESIGNED HER OWN ENSEMBLE OF GREY AND SILVER AND ALSO THE HUGE THREE-TIER BRIDAL CAKE, ON THE TOP OF WHICH WAS A MODEL OF TWICKENHAM RUGBY GROUND, SCENE OF MANY OF THE BRIDGE-GROOM'S TRIUMPHS. WEIGHING NEARLY 1½ CWT., THE CAKE WAS SQUARE, INSTEAD OF THE USUAL ROUND, AND THE TIERS WERE SUPPORTED BY REPLICA GIRDERS. IT ALSO BORE ARCHITECTS' AND SURVEYORS' EMBLEMS. THE BEST MAN WAS H. G. OWEN-SMITH, WHO LAST SEASON CAPTAINED ENGLAND.

The bridegroom, Mr. Ronald Anderson Gerrard, is the youngest son of the late Mr. W. G. Gerrard, who was Assistant Superintendent of Police at Hong Kong, and of Mrs. E. A. Gerrard. Miss Gertrude Molly Justice Taylor, the bride, is the younger daughter of Mr. Alfred J. Taylor, F.R.I.B.A., and Mrs. Taylor, of Forester Road, Bathwick.

They defied superstition with a Friday wedding, but the sun beamed a benediction on the radiantly happy pair. The ceremony was performed by the Rector of Bathwick (Preb. George Ruck, M.A.).

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated by Mr. A. J. Caudle, of Charles Street. Harrisii lilies were on the altar, and in the chancel were palms, ferns primulas and chrysanthemums to tone with the bridal bouquets.

For half-an-hour before the ceremony, Mr. B. J. Masien, F.R.C.O., played at the organ. As the bride entered the church, the congregation sang "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven." This was followed by the 21st Psalm, "I will lift up my eyes into the hills" and a second hymn, "O Perfect Love," sung kneeling, and the blessing was followed by the anthem, "God be in my head" (by Walford Davies).

Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played as the wedding party left the church.

BRIDE IN GREY AND SILVER

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length coat of smoke grey and silver brocade over a filmy oyster chiffon gown. Her full veil of silver grey net was held in place by small feathered birds, also of grey, and she carried a sheaf of silver wheat.

Her strikingly unconventional ensemble, designed by herself, was executed by Messrs. Jolly and Son, Milsom Street, Bath.

SISTER PRESENT

Attending her were her sister, Mrs. Preston-Jones and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. B. Thorpe, wife of Sub-Inspector B. Thorpe of the

Hong Kong Police and secretary to the Inspector General of Police there.

They wore long, full-skirted tailored coats of Zuicon blue faced cloth with silver leaf embroidery on the back swatched matching chiffon, and silver thread formed their head-dresses, and they carried "swags" of multicoloured cyclamens, supplied by Messrs. Blackmore and Langdon, of Twerton Hill Nursery.

The bridegroom's presents to each were a marcasite powder compact and silver evening handbag.

The four charming little pages, children of prominent Bath families, were Peter Key, Jeremy Barber, Peter Wills and Toni Milsom. They looked very smart in tailored Eton suits of oyster grey faced cloth with shirts of Zuicon blue tucked nixon. The pages' suits were made by Loraine, of Orange Grove and Terrace Walk, Bath.

HONEYMOON SECRET

The young people jealously guarded their honeymoon destination, not even their closest friends being let into the secret.

When the bride left after the reception, she changed into a dress and jacket of fine black wool, decorated with matching wool cord and gold braid, designed for her by H. Morgan Rendell. With the costume she wore silver fox fur.

The reception was held in the Concert Hall of the Pump Room. A long buffet ran the length of the bottom of the hall, and on the stage and round the palms were blue and pink *primula obconica*. These floral arrangements were by the Pump Room.

Pale pink-white chrysanthemums were arranged on the buffet table by the Red House, who had charge



Mr. R. A. "Ronnie" Gerrard, above, who has played for England at Rugby and who was born in Hong Kong and educated at the Diocesan Boys' School, was married to Miss Molly Taylor, at Bath, on November 19. Over 400 guests attended the reception.

of the wedding breakfast.

WONDERFUL CAKE

The wedding cake was made by the Red House to Miss Taylor's own design. In three tiers, it was square cut instead of the usual round. The tiers were supported by replica girders, and decorative motifs of the whole cake were based on the professions of the bridal pair and the bridegroom's sport.

The top tier was a miniature of Twickenham Rugby ground, complete with stands, banks and goal posts, and round the sides of the square were emblems of Bath, the bridegroom's home club, and New Zealand, South Africa and Australia, countries against who Mr. Gerrard has played.

INTERNATIONAL EMBLEM

Each of the four sides of the second tier bore architects' and surveyors' emblems—square compasses and so on. The bottom tier had more emblems—the rose of England and the emblems of Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

The cake was beautifully proportioned, and was about 2ft. 6ins. high. It took a considerable time to make, and weighed a hundred-weight and a-half.

Shortly before two o'clock there was a false alarm. A car to which balloons were attached shot away from the gates and there was a general surge forward, it being imagined that it contained the newly-married pair.

"GOOD LUCK" CHORUS

Apparently somebody mistook this for the car which was to take the bride and bridegroom to the reception, and affixed the balloons—probably Rugby colleagues!—but actually it was some minutes later when the bridal coach drove away, bearing a last-minute attachment in the shape of a large placard on which was asked, "Was it her 'design' or his 'engineering'?"

To the accompaniment of enthusiastic shouts of "Good luck!" and "All the best!" and a hearty round of cheers, the car forged a difficult path through the press of spectators.

Two police officers were on duty at the entrance to the Concert Room of the Pump Room, where the reception took place. The Abbey Churchyard was packed with people anxious to catch a glimpse of the bride, her attendants and the guests.

FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS

There were several famous footballers at the wedding, four of them internationals.

The bridegroom, captain of Bath

UNOFFICIAL TEST MATCH IN INDIA

Memorable Catch
By Yardley

INDIA'S LACK OF FAST BOWLERS

Lahore, November 15.

Col. Mistri, Selector of the Indian Test teams, said, in an interview with the Associated Press special representative, that the better side won the unofficial Test Match between India and Lord Tennyson's Eleven.

"We lost through lack of fast bowlers. The fast bowling of our opponents also played an important part. Our batting undoubtedly fell below expectations. We hope to do better in Bombay."

"I was glad to see excellent team work and good spirit in the team which are exactly what I should like to see. The two new men selected, namely, Hazare and Ram Singh, justified their inclusion both in their batting and fielding."

LORD TENNYSON

Lord Tennyson said:

"We had a very good match. It was a sporting game with very nice feeling prevailing on both sides. We won, thanks to the magnificent bowling of our fast bowlers and the sound batting of Edrich and Yardley."

It will, however, be long before I forgot Yardley's catch. It was one of the finest catches I have ever seen. Now we are looking forward keenly to the future Tests."

LORD TENNYSON'S TEAM

Batting and Bowling Averages

	Ins.	N.O.	31	H.I.	Av.
Capt. Jameson	3	3	117	57	—
Edrich	7	3	374	140	93.50
Hardstaff	2	3	230	100	56.00
Yardley	5	0	243	96	48.60
Tennyson	3	0	138	118	45.00
Gibb	7	2	124	105	38.80
Langridge	5	0	137	108	27.40
Parks	4	0	100	48	25.00
Wellard	5	1	76	43	15.20
McCorkell	3	1	25	25	12.50
Worthington	6	1	56	20	11.20
Peebles	4	1	38	18	9.50
G. H. Pope	4	0	27	18	6.75
Smith	5	1	17	9	3.40
Gover	3	0	8	6	2.67

* Signifies not out.

Bowling

	Wkts.	Runs	Avg.
Jameson	3	14	4.66
Gover	21	227	10.81
Smith	15	217	14.47
Peebles	12	193	16.08
Langridge	7	129	18.43
Wellard	8	179	22.38
Worthington	3	72	24.00
Edrich	2	53	26.50
Parks	1	51	51.00
Pope	1	66	66.00

and Somerset, has appeared 14 times for England. His best man, Mr. H. G. Owen Smith, of Oxford University, St. Mary's Hospital and England, last season captained England, and has 10 caps to his credit.

Others present included Mr. G. G. Gregory, of Bristol, Harlequins, and England, who has 13 caps, as his wedding, by the way, R. A. Gerrard acted as best man; Mr. S. G. U. Considine, Bath, Somerset and England, whose football career was ended by a knee injury in the international in France; Mr. D. Crichton-Miller, now headmaster of Taunton School, the bridegroom's old school, who played for Bath, Gloucestershire and Scotland, and was capped three times by Scotland. The bridegroom and Mr. Considine have, of course, also represented Somerset at cricket, and Mr. Owen Smith is the Middlesex stalwart.



LA SALLE AND ST. JOSEPH'S LEAD IN H.K. BOYS' SOCCER LEAGUE

Both Retain Their 100 Per Cent. Record

The Hong Kong Amateur Boys' Football League is making splendid progress under the direction of Dr. Major Wilkie, of the Seaforth Highlanders, and many of the teams have already played six matches. La Salle College and St. Joseph's College being at the top of the table with six victories in as many games.

Then come the Diocesan Boys with four victories in six encounters, and the Central British School, with three wins in six games.

The following is the table to date with the Seaforths' score included, although they are not officially members of the League, and their points will not count in the final reckoning:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
La Salle	6	6	0	0	24	2	12
St. Joseph's	6	6	0	0	25	5	12
Diocesan B.S.	6	4	2	0	25	15	8
Central B.S.	6	3	3	0	15	14	6
Wah Yan C.	5	2	2	1	9	16	5
Queen's C.	3	0	2	1	3	12	1
Middlesex R.	5	0	5	0	2	23	0
Combined R.	5	0	5	0	6	27	0
Seaforths	6	2	4	0	20	15	4
	48	23	23	2	129	129	48

FEDERATION FOOTBALL XI FOR XMAS DAY CHARITY MATCH

The following have been selected to represent the the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation against the Hong Kong Football Association, in the charity match, to be held on Christmas Day on the Caroline Hill ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m.:

Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A") and Mak Shui-hon (S. China "A"); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern A.A.) and Lau Hing-choi (S. China "A"); Han Ching-to (Eastern A.A.); Lai Shin-wing (S. China "A"); Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A") and Chan Ping-to (Eastern A.A.).

Reserves:—Lee Kwok-wai (S. China "A"); Tay Quee-liang (S. China "A"); Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern A.A.) and Cheong Moon-wing (S. China "A").

POSTPONED SOCCER GAMES FOR NEXT WEEK

The following postponed football games have been arranged.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
Third Division (Hong Kong)
5th Bde. R.A. v Service Corps
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Dredge.

Police v Engineers
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Whittle.

WEDNESDAY
Third Division (Kowloon)
20th Bty. R.A. v Signals
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Bartley.

THURSDAY
Second Division
5th Bde. R.A. v Middlesex
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—L. A. French.

ISLINGTON CORINTHIANS LOSE IN INDIA

Dacca, November 21.
The Islington Corinthians' Football team, which left Calcutta last night, arrived here to-day and were given an enthusiastic reception. This afternoon the tourists played against the Dacca Sporting Association and lost by the solitary goal scored.—(Associated Press).



ENTRIES FOR 13TH EXTRA RACE MEETING

THREE AUTUMN CHAMPION EVENTS

The following are the entries for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, to be held at the Valley on Saturday, December 18:—

1.—Hong Kong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champions.—1½ Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

2.—Laggards' Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, and ponies classified "C" Class, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Australian Boy, Aztec, Bag Tor, Derby Day, Perfect Day, Racing Heart, Ranger and Snowy River.

3.—Hong Kong Autumn Champions.—1½ Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

4.—Dilatory Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "E" Class, and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes. Ponies must have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Ebony Idol, Emergency Call, Happy Venture, Lancashire Tich, Mac's Adventure, National Faith, Philanderer, Popular Star, Racing Strain and Radium.

5.—Tardy Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Winners of \$1,500 or more in stakes since 1 January, 1937, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Commencement Bay, Jungle Jim, King's Bounty, Soldier of China and Tyne.

6.—Queensland Autumn Champions.—1½ Miles.

Note.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the Race, i.e., Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

7.—Last Chance Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least one Extra Meeting of this Club during 1937. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

A Great Time, Beat That, Discovery Bay, Llangollen, Boofy, Strathcarrick and Streamline.

8.—Finale Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club during 1937. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season and ponies that have won more than \$1,000 in stakes since 1st January, 1937, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Daylight Eve, Diogenes, Firefly, Fly-bynight, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Good Morning, Launching Cavalier, National Spirit, Royal Consort, Sylvan-dale, Valorous and Voltaire.

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CIVILIAN HOCKEY XI TO PRACTICE TO-DAY

Meet Combined Team At King's Park

The Civilian hockey team? to meet the Combined Services in their annual match next Sunday morning on the Club ground, will be featured in a practice match this afternoon on the Army ground at Cascoigne Road when they will oppose a mixed team from the Radio and Kowloon Indians Tennis



Club; bully off at 5 p.m. sharp:

The teams are:—

Civilians (Whites):—V. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and E. L. Gosano (Recreio); J. Gonsalves (Recreio), W. A. Reed (Club) and M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); S. Fowler (Club), G. Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club).

Combined Radio and K.I.T.C. (Colours):—C. Rocha (Radio); Mohinder Singh (K.I.T.C.) and Kishen Singh (Radio); Jagreet Singh (Radio), M. H. Hassan (Radio) and Joe Tavares; Surjin Singh (Radio), P. Nolasco (Radio), A. Angelo (Radio), Tirok Singh (Radio) and Jangeer Singh (K.I.T.C.).



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.00 a.m.	N. D. Lloyd, E. G. Smith
9.15 "	Wright
9.20 "	A. E. Lissaman, O. E. C. Marton
9.24 "	D. S. Robb, D. S. Edward
9.28 "	W. J. Waddington, W. A. Weight
9.32 "	D. J. Gilmore, G. M. Park
9.36 "	I. H. Geare, D. Forbes
9.40 "	A. H. Guinness, D. MacAlister
9.44 "	A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves
9.48 "	T. R. Rowell, G. F. Rees
9.52 "	D. Lyon, R. K. Collings
9.56 "	Capt. Holmes, F. A. Redmond
10.00 "	L. M. S. Lloyd, G. C. Worral
10.04 "	T. Low, H. N. Williamson
10.08 "	I. P. Tamworth, F. A. M. Elliott
10.12 "	E. T. McMullen, T. A. Pearce
10.16 "	P. Morrison, G. N. Gowler
10.20 "	J. H. M. Andrew, J. Leckie
10.24 "	W. G. Robertson, W. Hewitt
10.28 "	J. R. Masson, H. G. Sheldon
10.32 "	A. Murdoch, G. A. Pen-treath
10.36 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie
10.40 "	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet
10.44 "	K. S. Morrison, J. A. D. Morrison
10.48 "	W. J. Dyer, O. Eager
10.52 "	R. H. Challinor, B. Rolfe
10.56 "	J. B. Mackie, P. B. Havens
NEW COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	A. H. and Mrs. Forbes
9.44 "	Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Collings
9.52 "	Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Redmond
10.32 "	W. T. Yoxall, J. Brownley
10.36 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie

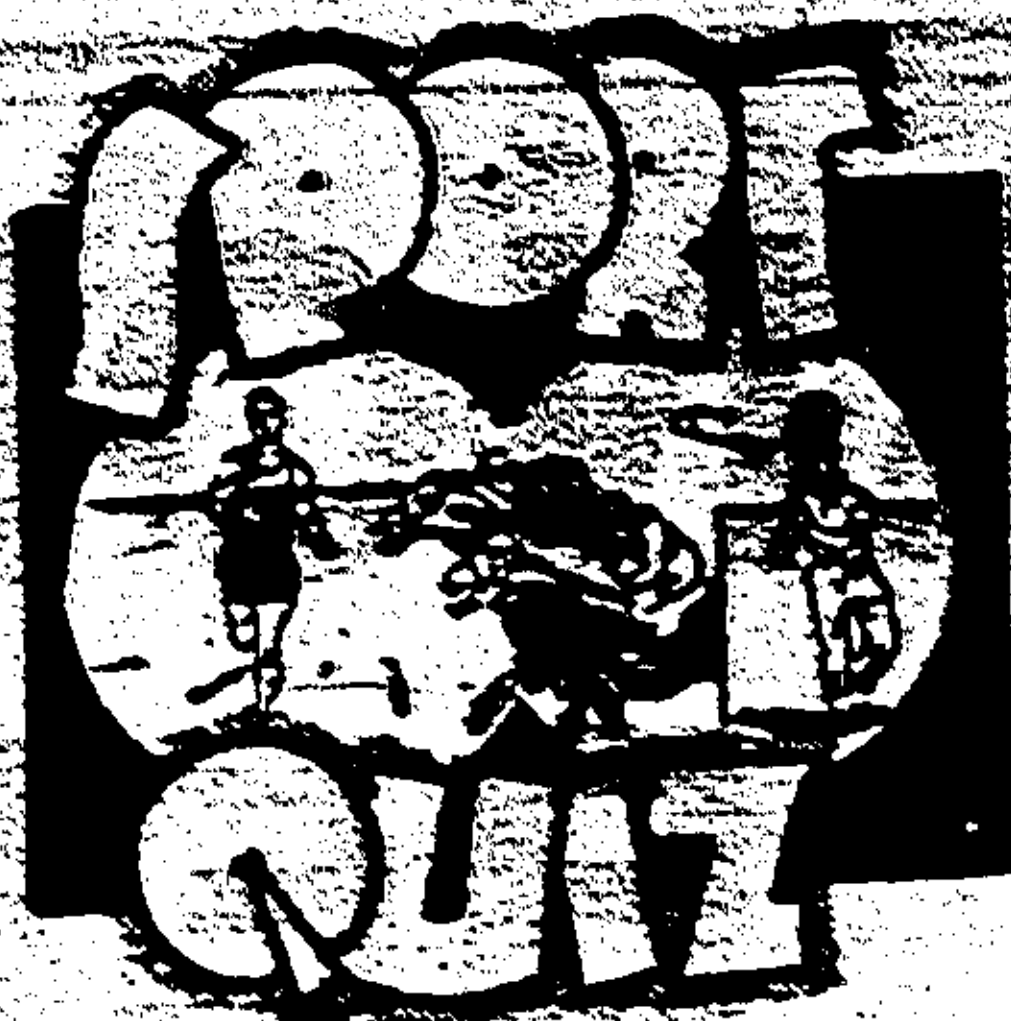


MIDLANDS' RUGBY TEAMS TRIUMPH IN COUNTY SERIES

London, To-day.

Two Rugby Union County Championship games and a friendly club encounter were held yesterday. At Northampton the East Midlands continued in winning vein when they defeated Netts, Lincs. and Derby by 17 points to 3, while at Coventry North Midlands proved too good for Warwickshire, winning by 12 points to 10.

Newport proved too good for Cambridge University and won by 25 points to 3.—Reuter.



"Former rival boxing promoters Charlie Lucas and Jack Munro, have joined forces." — Brotherly glove from now on.

"The police eight will represent N.S.W. at Henley regatta." — Opposing carsmen should feel the "pinch."

Ron Noble, son of the famous Australian XI captain, scored a brilliant century.—Noble'sse oblige.

There's a missionary flavour about the familiar phrase, — "Beaton converted."

Jack Metcalfe has hopped, stepped and jumped to fame.

Vigoro is a game, not a nerve tonic.

If your husband plays bowls, you mustn't mind Kitty.

He gazed in awe at the wrestler's ear. "That's pretty thick," he said.

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON FOR TO-NIGHT

Although three fixtures are down for decision in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League this evening, only two will be played off, the match between Kowloon Tong and Recreio "B" having been postponed. The following is to-night's programme.

St. Andrew's	Free Lances (8.15 p.m.).
Recreio "A"	University (6 p.m.).

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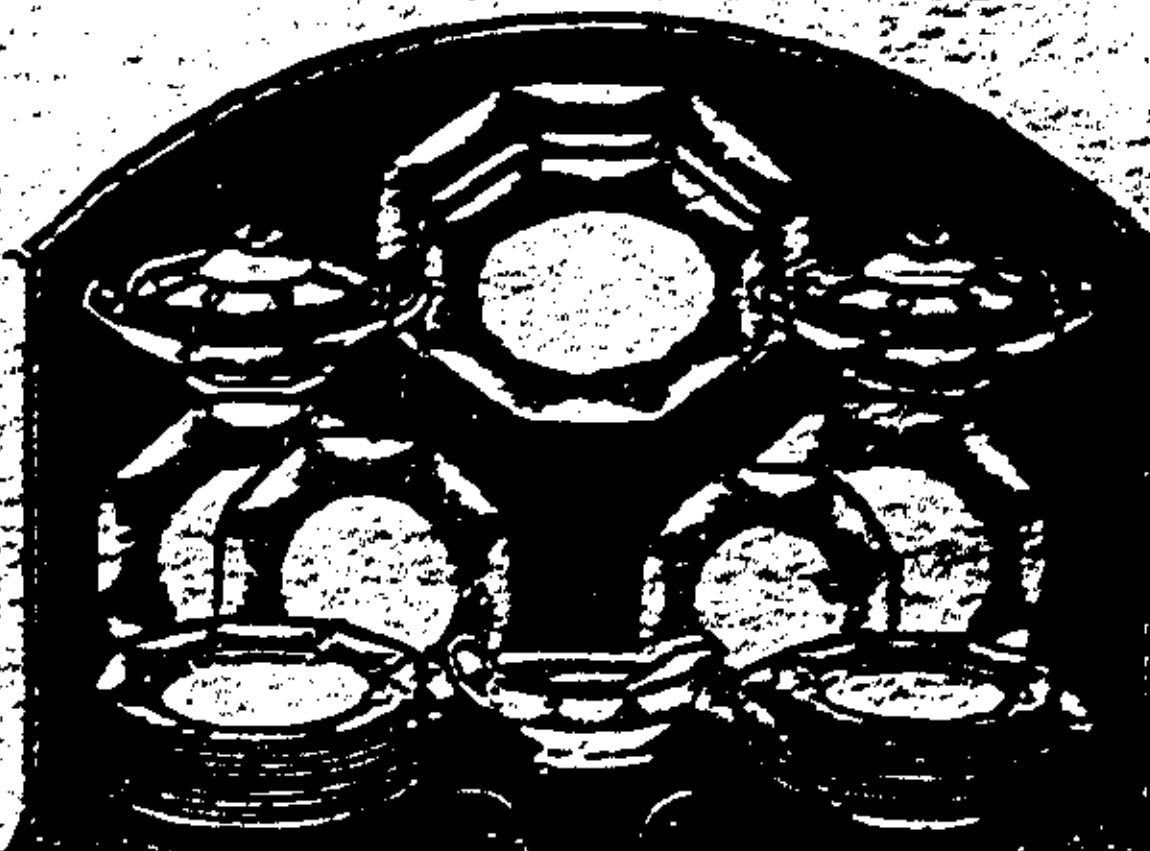
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year. The improvement on that effort
is so marked that one wonders if our
local amateurs with a little more ex-
perience may not one day attempt to
produce a full length film. But the re-
quirements of the world of film are far
removed from that of the ordinary
stage and that type of work is at the
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H. Priestley was responsible for the
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Nura Kanis at the piano provided the
accompanying music. It is to be re-
gretted that the sound and photo-
graphy do not compare more favour-
ably with the up-to-date pictures in
which company the trailer is shown.

Another interesting feature in con-
nection with the production is the real-
istic effect attained by the introduction
of a real horse on the stage. Some
trouble was at first experienced in find-
ing a suitable mount for the versatile
"Simplicius" but "Bob" Charles came
to the rescue and produced "African
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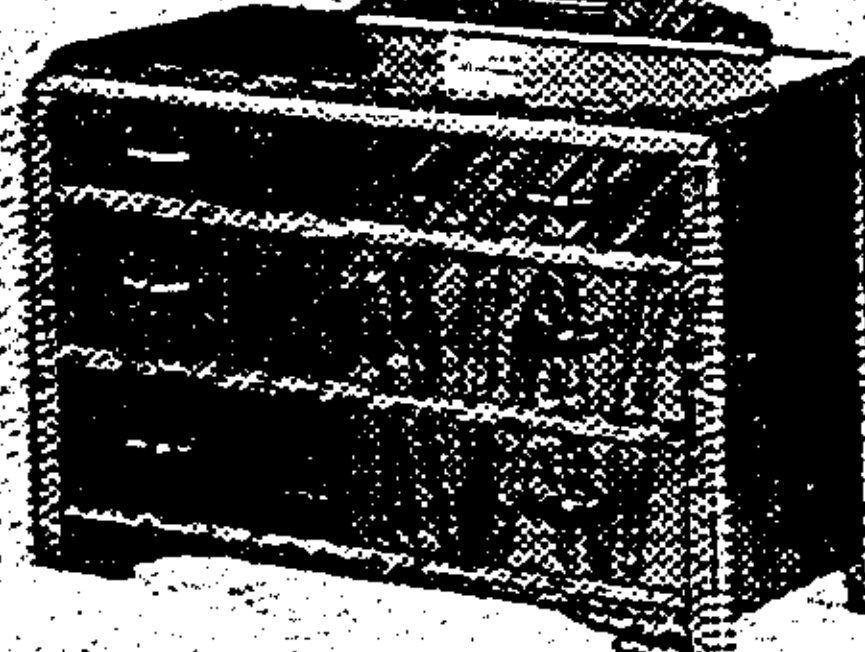
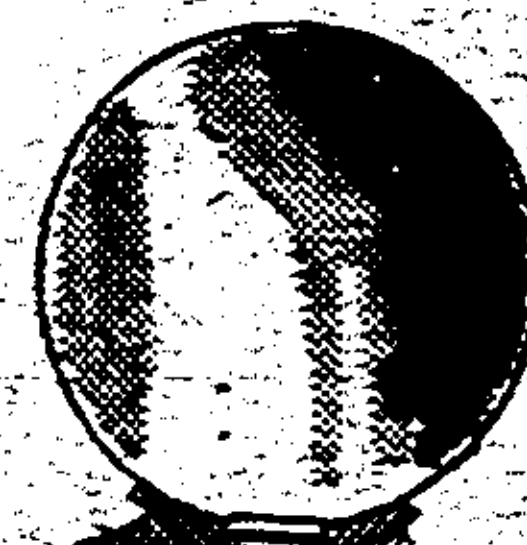
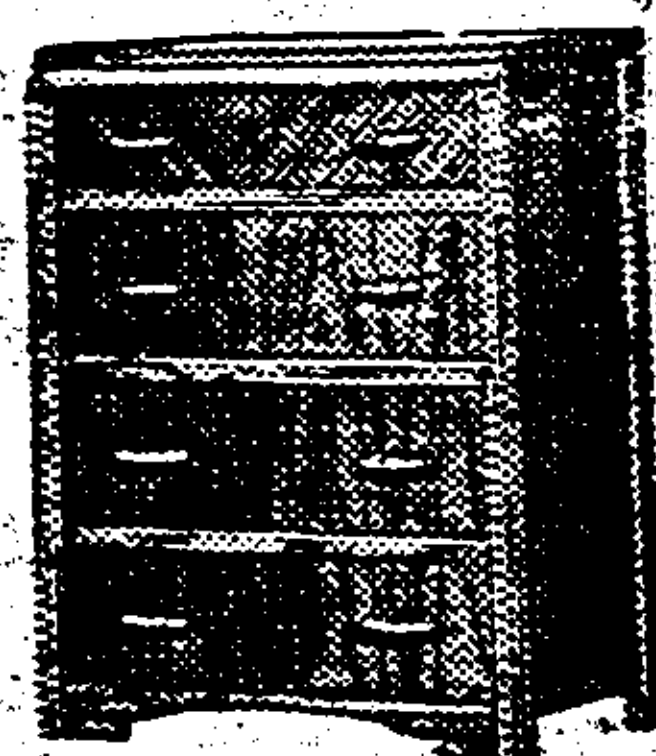
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(Continued from Page 1)

A report from Wuhu states that the Japanese troops who were besieging the city are moving north to assist in the attack on Nanking. —Our Own Correspondent.

WUHU CAPTURE UNTRUE

Shanghai, 12.30 p.m. To-day.

The situation in Nanking is becoming more tense each hour.

The entire population, except for a few thousand, has evacuated the inner city or has sought refuge in the so-called safety zone.

Earlier reports of Japanese capture of Wuhu, on the Yangtse, are not true, but the Nanking-Wuhu road has been cut.

Provincial troops from Szechuen have arrived in the capital and are being sent to the defence lines.

TANKS DESTROYED

A sharp clash occurred outside Nanking last night, during which the Chinese, through a daring attack, succeeded in destroying several advancing Japanese tanks.

Japanese bombing planes have been attacking the historical wall around the city in an endeavour to create breaches for assault by infantry, which is expected to be attempted to-morrow. —Trans-Ocean.

AERODROME RETAKEN

Nanking, To-day.

The Chinese claim to have recaptured Ta-chao-zang aerodrome in a counter-attack, following a violent artillery engagement.

The Japanese occupying the aerodrome are reported to have been almost annihilated as the result of barrage fire. —Hua Nan.

ANOTHER WAR CORRESPONDENT KILLED

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reported from the Nanking battle zone that Mr. Y. Hanano, the correspondent of the Osaka Shimbun, was killed during yesterday's fighting.

He is the fifth Japanese war correspondent to be fatally wounded, and the third of this particular newspaper. —Our Own Correspondent.

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Shanghai, 2.30 p.m. To-day.

General Matsui having received no answer to his ultimatum, the Japanese launched their big attack at 1.30 p.m. this afternoon, according to an official announcement by the Japanese military spokesman.

Bombardment of the east and north-east sections of the city has commenced. —Our Own Correspondent.

Hankow, 2.30 p.m. To-day.

An attempt to communicate with Nanking by telephone half an hour ago was unsuccessful and it is thought that communications have been cut. —Our Own Correspondent.

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